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1 SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE
2 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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4 VOLUME I

5
6 Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association
7 Kenai, Alaska
8 March 1, 2000 - 9:00 a.m.

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10 MEMBERS PRESENT:

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12 Ralph Lohse, Chairman
13 Clare Swan
14 Fred H. Elvsaas
15 Gilbert Dementi, Sr.
16 Kenneth Vlasoff
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18 Helga Eakon, Coordinator
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20 Joseph P. Kolasinski, Reporter

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(On record)

CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I'd like to call the spring meeting of the Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council to order. At this time we'll take a roll call.

MS. EAKON: Gilbert Dementi, Sr.

MR. DEMENTI: Here.

MS. EAKON: Kenneth Vlasoff.

MR. VLASOFF: Here.

MS. EAKON: Fred Elvsaas.

MR. ELVSAAS: Here.

MS. EAKON: Roy Ewan.

(No response)

MS. EAKON: Clare Swan.

MS. SWAN: Here.

MS. EAKON: Fred John, Jr.

(No response)

MS. EAKON: Ralph Lohse.

CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Here.

MS. EAKON: There's five present, a quorum is established. And Roy Ewan was going to be here but he had a family medical emergency, so he canceled out. And Fred John, Jr. is going to be in later on tonight, according to our office.

CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So he'll be here tomorrow then, probably?

MS. EAKON: Yes.

CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Thank you. At this

50 point in time I'd like to welcome everybody that's in

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1 attendance and I'd like to have some introductions, so I
2 think what we'll do is we'll just start this end of the
3 table and go around, introduce yourself, where you're from
4 and who you represent and we'll just go around to everybody
5 and go around the room and then we can get started.

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7 MR. KNAUER: I'm Bill Knauer, I'm with Fish
8 and Wildlife Service Subsistence in Anchorage.

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10 MR. SHERROD: I'm George Sherrod, Fish and
11 Wildlife Service, Fairbanks.

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13 MS. DEWHURST: Donna Dewhurst, Fish and
14 Wildlife Service, Anchorage.

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16 MS. EAKON: Helga Eakon, Regional
17 Coordinator.

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19 MR. DEMENTI: Gilbert Dementi, Cantwell.

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21 MR. VLASOFF: Ken Vlasoff of Tatitlek.

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23 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Ralph Lohse, Cordova and
24 Chitina.

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26 MS. SWAN: Clare Swan, Kenai.

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28 MR. ELVSAAS: Fred Elvsaas, Seldovia.

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30 REPORTER: Joe Kolasinski, Computer Matrix,
31 Anchorage, Alaska.

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33 MS. SHARP: Devi Sharp, Wrangell-St. Elias
34 National Park and Preserve.

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36 MS. MCBURNEY: Mary McBurney, National Park
37 Service in Anchorage.

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39 MR. THOMPSON: Ken Thompson, Forest Service
40 and I'm on the Board's Staff Committee.

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42 MR. NELSON: Dave Nelson, National Park
43 Service.

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45 MR. GERHARD: Bob Gerhard, National Park
46 Service in Anchorage.

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48 MR. SUMMERS: Clarence Summers with the
49 National Park Service in Anchorage.

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1 MR. JENNINGS: Tim Jennings with the Office
2 of Subsistence Management in Anchorage.

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4 MS. HILDEBRAND: Ida Hildebrand, BIA Staff
5 Committee member, Anchorage.

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7 MR. WATERS: Elijah Waters, BLM in
8 Glennallen.

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10 MR. BERG: Jerry Berg, Fish and Wildlife
11 Service with Subsistence Management in Anchorage.

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13 MR. MCKINLEY: I'm Tim McKinley, Fish and
14 Game, Soldotna.

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16 MR. TAUBE: Tom Taube, Fish and Game,
17 Glennallen.

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19 MR. FALL: Jim Fall, Division of
20 Subsistence, Fish and Game, Anchorage.

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22 MS. TEPP: Rose Tepp, Kenaitze, I'm the
23 Tribe Chairman.

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25 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: You folks got here just in
26 time.

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28 MS. WIK: Who are you with?

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30 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No, we waiting just for
31 you. Could you introduce yourself?

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33 MS. WIK: I'm Gloria Wik.

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35 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Oh, sorry. Sorry.

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37 MS. SWAN: Hi, Gloria.

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39 MR. PALMER: Doug Palmer, Fish and Wildlife
40 Service, Kenai.

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42 MR. BLOSSOM: Doug Blossom, Cook Inlet
43 Aquaculture.

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45 MR. FANDREI: Gary Fandrei, Executive
46 Director, Cook Inlet Aquaculture.

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48 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you. With that
49 we've completed our introduction. I'd like to go on to the

50 acknowledgement of service. I just got the word this

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1 morning, so I haven't much time to think about it, but
2 Helga will be leaving us after seven years basically making
3 sure we do what we're supposed to do as a committee. As a
4 Council I'd sure like to thank her, I know.....

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6 MS. SWAN: And you can't.

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8 (Laughter)

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10 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I've already told her she
11 can't and she is anyhow. And sure appreciate you having
12 put up with us for that long.

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14 MS. EAKON: Well, it has been a pleasure.
15 I'm not leaving the program, I'm still going to be in the
16 Office of Subsistence Management, except in a different
17 position, basically coordinating interagency staff of the
18 Federal Subsistence Board meetings and doing some policy
19 work.

20 I know that Tom Boyd saw Gilbert last weekend and
21 he said, I'll your kind of scared to tell the Southcentral
22 Council members that you're leaving. It's been a real
23 pleasure working with the Council.

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25 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well, if you would have
26 told us sooner there would have probably been some letters
27 objecting to your transfer. It's a good thing you did it
28 quietly.

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30 (Laughter)

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32 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I mean if you want to
33 go.....

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35 MS. EAKON: Well, it just happened quite
36 recently.

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38 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah.

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40 MS. EAKON: I also want to, Mr. Chair,
41 acknowledge the service of Rachel Mason who has moved over
42 to National Park Service and, just for the record, that the
43 Regional Council appreciates the work she did for us.

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45 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yes, definitely.

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47 Does anybody else have anybody they would like to
48 acknowledge at this point in time?

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50 (No audible responses)

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well, then we need to go
2 on to welcoming our new staff.

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4 MS. EAKON: Well, they're acting right now,
5 Donna Dewhurst, she's acting wildlife biologist and George,
6 do you pronounce it Sherrod?

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8 MR. SHERROD: Sherrod.

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10 MS. EAKON: Okay. George Sherrod, he's our
11 acting anthropologist. And that's it, Mr. Chair.

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13 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you. I hope that we
14 don't give you too rough a time.

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16 MS. EAKON: I don't know if you have met
17 Tim Jennings, were you here Tim Jennings?

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19 MR. JENNINGS: Yeah, I was at the fall
20 meeting.

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22 MS. EAKON: Oh, okay.

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24 MR. JENNINGS: I supervise the staff and so
25 we're in the process of hiring and filling behind the
26 vacancies of Rachel. And Helga just had the promotion
27 recently, so we're in the process of filling behind Helga.

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29 MS. EAKON: I see Mary McBurney, she's new,
30 National Park Service. Are you going to do the fisheries
31 project when we do fish?

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33 MS. MCBURNEY: (Nods affirmatively)

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35 MS. EAKON: Okay. And I've not met Dave
36 Nelson, you're with Park Service, right?

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38 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right.

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40 MR. NELSON: Yes, that's right.

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42 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah, I hadn't met him
45 either until today.

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47 Okay, with that we'll go on. Let's take a look at
48 the agenda. And Helga told me beforehand that we have a
49 lot of manipulation to do with our agenda this morning.

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1 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Helga, would you like to
4 run us through it and make some suggestions?

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6 MS. EAKON: Okay. Under 7, Old Business,
7 this morning for your information, Bill Knauer will do a
8 brief briefing on what's going to happen with the Kenai
9 Peninsula rural/nonrural determination process during this
10 time period -- during this meeting and tonight at the
11 public hearing.

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13 I just had a call from Peggy Fox, who is the
14 Assistant Regional Director, Subsistence, and she would
15 like the fisheries portion moved over until 9:00 o'clock
16 tomorrow morning.

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18 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That's number C?

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20 MS. EAKON: Uh-huh, Old Business, C,
21 because she wants to do the memorandum of agreement,
22 inseason management and tribal involvement. And that's
23 when Mary McBurney of Park Service is going to follow with
24 the fisheries projects.

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26 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. So we should
27 probably move that down to -- okay.

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29 MS. EAKON: Well, 9:00 o'clock tomorrow
30 morning is when Peggy Fox.....

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32 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, she'll be here at
33 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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35 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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37 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Why don't we just.....

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39 MS. EAKON: Actually she's going to be here
40 for the public hearing tonight, but she would like to start
41 off.....

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43 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well, let's just pencil
44 that in then for tomorrow morning first item on the agenda
45 tomorrow.

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47 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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49 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: If that's okay with

50 everybody else?

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1 MS. EAKON: And also after the Federal
2 Subsistence Board public hearing tonight, she suggests that
3 we have a slot -- if you want to do it right before
4 fisheries at 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning, that's fine,
5 where after listening to the public testimony tonight where
6 -- how you want to go with your recommendation regarding
7 Kenai Peninsula.

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9 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: In other words, she thinks
10 we should have a slot in here to consider our
11 recommendation?

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13 MS. EAKON: Yes. Do you want to stay with
14 it after hearing the public testimony or what, okay?

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16 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Why don't we take that
17 after -- let's still go with first thing tomorrow with the
18 fisheries.

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20 MS. EAKON: Okay. And then take it up
21 at.....

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23 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And then we can take that
24 up as the last thing under Old Business.

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26 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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28 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: If that's okay with
29 everybody else? Does that sound okay to you?

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31 MS. SWAN: Sure.

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33 MR. ELVSAAS: Say that again.

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35 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Basically put our
36 consideration of the Kenai issue at the end of Old
37 Business.

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39 MS. EAKON: And G, okay?

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41 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That's G.

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43 MR. ELVSAAS: Okay.

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45 MS. SWAN: And that's after Tab F; is that
46 right?

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48 MS. EAKON: Uh-huh, yes.

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MS. SWAN: Okay.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah. Unless there's a
2 reason to have it earlier in the day.

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4 MS. EAKON: No, just so you do it, at some
5 point, tomorrow.

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7 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah. Okay, we'll
8 consider -- I don't like to put reconsider down because
9 that -- we'll consider.

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11 MS. SWAN: You mean that's not what we're
12 doing?

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14 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No. No, it's not what
15 we're doing, I mean, we may decide to do nothing.

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17 MS. SWAN: Oh, okay.

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19 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: But we're going to
20 consider the Kenai. Was that a proposal on our part or a
21 recommendation?

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23 MS. EAKON: No, the ball is in the Federal
24 Subsistence Board's court because you are.....

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26 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah, it's our
27 recommendation to the Board.

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29 MS. EAKON: Yes, so it's their -- they're
30 the one who are going to hold the hearing tonight.

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32 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right.

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34 MS. EAKON: And you are just the observers.

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36 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right.

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38 MS. EAKON: Do you want a preliminary
39 briefing today before the hearing?

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41 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: What now?

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43 MS. EAKON: Do you want a preliminary
44 briefing today, this morning before the hearing?

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46 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No, I think we can just
47 take it at the hearing, if that's -- unless -- other than
48 this information only that Bill's going to -- you mean
49 another one, other than what Bill's going to provide us at

50 the start?

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1 MS. EAKON: Just to inform.....

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Bill, your's will be an
4 informative thing of where we're at, right?

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6 MR. KNAUER: Right.

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8 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So I think we want that.

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10 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And then we can go through
13 the other -- I mean, because I'd like to know where we're
14 at on it at this point.

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16 MS. EAKON: Okay. In which case we can put
17 that under Old Business, A, and just say briefing by Bill
18 Knauer.

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20 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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22 MS. EAKON: Let's see.....

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24 MR. KNAUER: We got a teleconference call
25 coming in today.

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27 MS. EAKON: No.

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29 MR. KNAUER: They got one upstairs coming
30 in.

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32 MS. EAKON: They do?

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34 MR. KNAUER: We -- maybe take a break and
35 fix it up.

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37 MS. EAKON: We have a teleconference call,
38 an unexpected one coming in.

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40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right now?

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42 MS. EAKON: Can we just break, real
43 briefly, to set up?

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45 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yes, we definitely can.

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47 MS. EAKON: It may be public testimony from
48 someone who didn't tell me they were going to call in,
49 okay?

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. At this point in
2 time we'll take a short break to set up a teleconference
3 call.

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5 (Off record)

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7 (On record)

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9 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: We'll get back in session
10 and if we get interrupted with a phone call we'll break for
11 public testimony. I guess I should bring that up right
12 now. We're in the middle of going through our Old Business
13 and request that need change, but public testimony comes
14 first and if somebody calls in with a teleconference, we'll
15 break wherever we're at to receive that.

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17 Okay, Helga, would you like to lead us through?

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19 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: We went through G, putting
22 a reconsideration.

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24 MS. EAKON: Under New Business 8(A), I
25 wanted to mention that Nat Good of Eastern Interior
26 Regional Council will be here and he will make the Eastern
27 Interior Regional Council recommendations on those
28 overlapping proposals, including 58 and 59.

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30 Okay. Moving on to Proposals -- we're going to
31 take them in the order that they're shown in the book, so
32 in other words, for the purpose of going through, so we're
33 going to start with 12 and we're going to finish up with
34 Proposal 2. George Sherrod said that someone from Slana
35 wants to come and testify on Proposal 12, so let's kind of
36 wait for that person to -- let's wait -- put that later on.

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38 Also Tom Carpenter, who is co-chair of Copper
39 River/Prince William Sound Fish and Game Local Advisory
40 Committee is going to call in at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow and he
41 wants to speak to Proposals 14 and 19 and 21. So if we can
42 postpone those until after he testifies.

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Helga, would it be
45 worthwhile for us just to take 12 and 14 and 19 and 21 and
46 put them at the back of the proposal list?

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48 MS. EAKON: Yes, that's fine.

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CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It would probably be the

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1 easiest way to do it.

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3 MS. EAKON: Okay. All right.

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5 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And then we'll take them
6 in order at that point in time.

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8 MS. EAKON: Twelve, 14 and 19 and 21 are
9 analyzed together.

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11 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And is Tom going to speak
12 on 17 and 18 or didn't he say?

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14 MS. EAKON: No, he just mentioned 14 and 19
15 and 21.

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17 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: We have a whole connective
18 section right there.

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20 MS. EAKON: Yeah. You know, and.....

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22 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Why don't we take from 16
23 to 21 and put them at the end.

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25 MS. EAKON: Okay. So we'll go.....

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27 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Just in case.

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29 MS. EAKON: So we'll go 12.....

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31 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah, because those are
32 issues that he possibly might -- may speak to and may not.

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34 MS. EAKON: That's right. So we're going
35 to put at the end Proposals 12, 14, 16, 17, 18 and 19 and
36 21, which are analyzed together.

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38 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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40 MS. EAKON: At the very end.

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42 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah.

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44 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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46 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Because I think they're
47 all hooked together in our book, too.

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49 MS. EAKON: Yes, uh-huh. And then I see --

50 I was going to ask Jim Fall if he -- Jim Fall, are you

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1 going to have a report at all?

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3 MR. FALL: (Shake head in the negative)

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5 MS. EAKON: Okay. On page 5 of your
6 agenda, under any other new business, last night I received
7 a fax from Vince Mathews the coordinator of Eastern
8 Interior Regional Council on a request from them to form a
9 coordinating council with Southcentral Regional Council and
10 Nat Good will be the presenter, if you can put that there.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Request for.....

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14 MS. EAKON: Request from Eastern Interior
15 to form a coordinating council with Southcentral Regional
16 Council. And I will have copies made of that particular
17 request, but Nat Good will be the presenter on that, okay?

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19 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Do we have anything in
20 here where we will consider both the proposals for projects
21 and the MOA.....

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23 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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25 CHAIRMAN LOHSE:as a Council, because
26 that was one of the things that was brought out at the
27 training session.....

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29 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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31 CHAIRMAN LOHSE:the need for the
32 Councils themselves to look at them.

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34 MS. EAKON: When those are addressed, the
35 presenters will pause and any input will be done at that
36 time.

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38 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Let's still, under
39 Any New Business, let's -- in case we need to make a
40 recommendation or feel like we need to make a
41 recommendation on the MOA or the projects, we can do it at
42 that time.

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44 MS. EAKON: Okay. Any fisheries topics.

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46 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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48 MS. EAKON: How about we do it like that?

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CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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1 MS. SWAN: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, is that
2 any -- is that under any other new business?

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4 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That's under any other new
5 business, 8(E).

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7 MS. SWAN: Okay.

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9 MS. EAKON: And that's all I have,
10 Mr. Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Does anybody from the
13 Council have anything that they need put on the agenda that
14 can be put on the agenda under any other new business?

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16 MS. SWAN: I do have a question. On Vince
17 Mathews request, is that -- I mean, he's asking for a
18 coordinating committee between the two Councils or a
19 council, there's a difference, can you.....

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21 MS. EAKON: No, it's essentially making
22 formal what we have done in the past. Remember on
23 overlapping proposals we've always had meetings with
24 Eastern Interior representatives to go over overlapping
25 proposals.

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27 MS. SWAN: Yes.

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29 MS. EAKON: And it's just to formalize what
30 we have been doing in the past is what he means by a
31 coordinating committee.

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33 MS. SWAN: Oh, okay.

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35 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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37 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: In other words, some
38 appointees from both Councils.....

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40 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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42 CHAIRMAN LOHSE:that are appointed to
43 meet on those overlapping.

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45 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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47 MS. SWAN: Okay.

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49 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Any other thing

50 that needs to go under any other new business?

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1 (No audible responses)

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, hearing none a
4 motion to accept the agenda, as amended, is in order.

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6 MS. SWAN: So moved.

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8 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So moved, do I hear a
9 second?

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11 MR. VLASOFF: Second.

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13 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's been moved and
14 seconded. Is there any discussion on it?

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16 (No audible responses)

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18 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Hearing none, question is
19 in order. All in favor of adopting the agenda as it has
20 been altered signify by saying aye.

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22 IN UNISON: Aye.

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24 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: All opposed signify by
25 saying nay.

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27 (No opposing responses)

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29 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Motion carries.

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31 Okay. Now we go on to review and adoption of
32 minutes of public meeting of October 14th, 15th of 1999,
33 and that is opened for suggested changes, comments. Has
34 anybody on the Council got anything that they would like to
35 see changed or doesn't represent what they thought we said?

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37 (No audible responses)

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39 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I have one.

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41 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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43 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's on page 3 and I think
44 in our discussion, both Ken and I -- the discussion we had
45 at the meeting would have -- this would not have been our
46 consensus on it. It's says a lengthy discussion ensued on
47 fish taken on subsistence catches for subsistence use.
48 Everyone agreed that such fish are not considered to be a
49 subsistence take. And I know that I didn't and I don't

50 think Ken did either because we both recognize that in a

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1 rural coastal community most of the subsistence fish comes
2 out of commercial take.

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4 MR. VLASOFF: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And so I would have to
7 find disagreement with that part of it in the.....

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9 MS. EAKON: Well, there was some testimony
10 to that -- well, some people thought that -- how about if I
11 say, some people thought that such fish are not.....

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13 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right.

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15 MS. EAKON:considered to be a --
16 okay, I will change that.

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18 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Some members thought that
19 such fish are not considered to be subsistence take, other
20 thought they were.

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22 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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24 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: You know, because I know
25 that coming from a rural coastal community, that's where
26 the majority of the subsistence fish that go into the
27 community come from. In fact, that's the only opportunity
28 we have to take them down there.

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30 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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32 MR. ELVSAAS: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yes.

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36 MR. ELVSAAS: As I recall the discussion
37 that the issue come up if you take from your commercial
38 catch you're buying the fish.

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40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well, if we go over to
41 number 9, page 7, I think it's 7 or 8, I got to look for
42 it. I found when a commercial fisherman brings in fish and
43 gives them away he has to forget that the fish actually
44 have a cash value. I mean, because if you're taking fish
45 to share out of your commercial catch, the only way you do
46 that -- you don't give away somebody a -- you don't give
47 somebody a \$10 fish, you give them a fish, you just
48 basically forget that it has a cash value. And I think
49 that's -- I know Ken said the same thing from down his way,

50 I mean, you know, that's -- you have to just take them out

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1 and eat them and you forget that they're worth anything on
2 the commercial market. And so that would be the only thing
3 that I found that I had -- I won't say a disagreement with,
4 but a different understanding.

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6 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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8 MS. SWAN: Well, Mr. Chairman, I thought
9 that -- that was an interesting conversation because I
10 think -- I thought it was real important because you have
11 to -- you look at the results. I mean, you know, I don't
12 care what you call it, personal uses, subsistence,
13 commercial fishing, what happens on the grounds with the
14 fish and because that's the results of where we get our
15 statistics from and I thought it was interesting because
16 people said, well, they're not subsistence fish, but then
17 what are they if -- you know, I wondered that, I made
18 myself a note because then are they personal use or are
19 they what, what are they?

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21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Uh-huh.

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23 MS. SWAN: But they are -- if you give
24 someone a fish you caught in your commercial catch, you
25 just gave the person a gift. You know, so it's just a
26 matter -- it's kind of interesting because we had this --
27 the discussion was almost an hour long.

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29 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Uh-huh. I remember what
30 started the discussion was Rachel's comment on the Old
31 Believers down in the Homer area that consumed quite a bit
32 of fish as part of their subsistence food and their place
33 that they got their fish was out of the commercial nets and
34 that's where the start of the discussion came.

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36 I guess I just -- I know we had a lot of discussion
37 on it, I think the fact that we did have discussion on it
38 and we discussed for so long showed that there is a
39 different way of looking at it and I just would have to say
40 that, to me, the fish that are taken out of the commercial
41 catch and go into the community as food on the table, as
42 canned fish for the winter, as gifts to your neighbor, are
43 no different than the fish that are taking out of a fish
44 wheel or dipnet.

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46 MS. SWAN: Nor do I.

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48 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And so I would have to
49 consider them subsistence. So other than that, I didn't

50 find anything, did anybody else have anything that

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1 they.....

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3 MR. ELVSAAS: Yes, on page 7.

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5 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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7 MR. ELVSAAS: Just about the middle of the
8 page my comment on the Kenai Peninsula. There's been a lot
9 of concern about cod fish. I was never concerned about cod
10 fish, we were talking about salmon taken along the rivers
11 and.....

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13 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right.

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15 MS. SWAN: Uh-huh.

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17 MS. EAKON: Well, it stated as cod fish in
18 the transcript. I took it directly out of the transcript.

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20 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah, it did, I heard
21 [sic] that in the transcript and.....

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23 REPORTER: Not our firm.

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25 (Laughter)

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27 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No, no, it.....

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29 REPORTER: Not our firm.

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31 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Somehow or other it did
32 come out as cod fish and I didn't think you were interested
33 in cod fish.

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35 MS. EAKON: In which case.....

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37 MR. ELVSAAS: Not in this context we
38 weren't.

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40 MS. EAKON: In which case, just draw a line
41 through it and the revision will show that, it's not cod
42 fish, it's salmon, right?

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44 MR. ELVSAAS: Yeah. Okay.

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46 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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48 MR. ELVSAAS: That's me speaking out of
49 turn.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, anything else?

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3 (No audible responses)

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5 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: In that case a motion to
6 adopt the minutes of.....

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8 MR. VLASOFF: So moved.

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10 MS. SWAN: Second.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE:the October 14th,
13 15th meeting is in order. So moved.

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15 MS. SWAN: Second.

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17 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's been seconded. Any
18 further discussion?

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20 (No audible responses)

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22 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: In fact, we should have
23 had that motion before we had the discussion. Hearing
24 none, question is in order.

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26 MR. VLASOFF: Question.

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28 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Question's been called.
29 All in favor of adopting the minutes of the public meeting
30 of October 14th and 15th, as revised, signify by saying
31 aye.

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33 IN UNISON: Aye.

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35 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: All opposed, like sign.

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37 (No opposing responses)

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39 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Motion carries.

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41 Okay. At this point in time a little comment on
42 public testimony. We give the opportunity for public
43 testimony throughout the meeting, you can either just
44 testify so that you can leave or you can wait until the
45 issue comes up. We ask that you fill out a testifiers'
46 form at the sign-in table and at the first opportunity
47 we'll give you the opportunity to testify or you can
48 request to wait until a specific issue comes up.

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And with that we're going on to Old Business and

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1 we're going to have a briefing by Bill Knauer and some
2 information on the Federal Subsistence Board
3 reconsideration on the Kenai rural/nonrural determination.
4 And, Bill, we'll turn it over to you at this point in time.
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6 MR. KNAUER: Good morning. As you know the
7 Federal Subsistence Board decided in May of last year that
8 special circumstances, including new information received
9 in public testimony and a request from the Kenaitze Indian
10 Tribe warranted an out-of-cycle review of the Board's 1990
11 rural determinations for the Kenai Peninsula.
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13 In 1990, the Board did identify three areas on the
14 Kenai Peninsula that were considered nonrural, those are
15 the Homer nonrural area, the Kenai/Soldotna nonrural area
16 and the Seward/Moose Pass nonrural area. The Kenaitzes
17 requested that all of those areas be revised to be included
18 in rural areas on the Peninsula. As a result of the
19 Kenaitze request, in May of 1999 the Board directed the
20 staff to reevaluate the 1990 rural determinations for the
21 Kenai Peninsula for a decision that the Board would make in
22 May of 2000. Copies of that analysis, this yellow book,
23 are available, they're also on our website.
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25 And earlier draft was submitted for review by three
26 anonymous peer reviewers in the Alaska Department of Fish
27 and Game, Division of Subsistence. Other internal review
28 provided additional comments. There was considerable
29 consistency in the substantive comments that were received
30 on that document. They focused on the methodology and
31 particularly the aggregation process. Other peer review
32 comments did result in some change to the documents,
33 however, both with the methodology and the data
34 availability were insurmountable within the prescribe time
35 frame that the Board had given staff in order to come to a
36 decision in May of 2000.
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38 The conclusion recognizes that while the problems
39 continue the status quo should be retained for rural
40 determinations for the Kenai Peninsula. However, a
41 Proposed Rule has been published that has formally invited
42 public comments to assist the Board in assessing the
43 concern of the Kenaitze Tribe and possible impact of the
44 tribe's request. The formal public comment period will
45 extend until March 31 of 2000. The Board will be holding
46 the hearing tonight to obtain additional public testimony
47 regarding the rural status of the Kenai Peninsula. And
48 then the Board will also receive additional testimony at
49 their public meeting, scheduled for May 2 to 4 in

50 Anchorage.

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1 The staff is currently in the process of preparing
2 a request for proposals, which is the start of a formal
3 contracting process to allow an Outside entity to develop a
4 sound scientific methodology which would allow the
5 statically reliable method to examine both the aggregation
6 and the rural/nonrural nature of a community. That
7 process, upon completion, will be used for the examination
8 of communities around the state after the 2000 census.

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10 So what we're saying is, and the reviewers are
11 saying in this document, is that the methodology that was
12 used back then there was some problems with it. There were
13 some gaps in the data also, but because of the -- that we
14 don't believe that presently we should be recommending any
15 changes.

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17 Now, the hearing tonight will start at 7:00
18 o'clock, we will present additional information at that
19 hearing about the history of the whole process, which
20 you've heard numerous times. And then following that on
21 Thursday, should the Council wish to make any additional
22 recommendations you have it on your agenda.

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24 Do you have any questions?

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26 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Now the one tonight it
27 won't just be an informational thing, it'll also be a
28 request for testimony, won't it?

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30 MR. KNAUER: That is primarily what it is.
31 The informational portion will take only a very short while
32 at the start of the meeting to allow folks that may not be
33 familiar with the whole process to essentially start on
34 similar level of information.

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36 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Now, when it says they
37 recommended status quo, is there any -- since they're
38 talking about having somebody set up -- you know, hiring
39 somebody to set up a matrix that they can do this -- you
40 know, do the research with, are they, then, intending to
41 use this for their first item for reconsideration when it
42 comes time to consider rural/nonrural? Or, I mean, will --
43 they found that the Kenai should be taken out-of-cycle, now
44 they need to gather the information. So then will the
45 Kenai then be considered first before the rest of the
46 rural/nonrural areas in the rest of the state?

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48 MR. KNAUER: They will be actually
49 considering all of the areas at the same time around the

50 state.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So they're going to put it
2 back in cycle?

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4 MR. KNAUER: That is the recommendation.

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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Any comments from
7 anybody on the Council?

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9 MS. SWAN: Mr. Chairman, is this study by
10 the independent reviewer is that on -- is that, like, is
11 that proceeding right now or.....

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13 MR. KNAUER: We are getting the -- there is
14 a committed established among the Staff Committee of the
15 various agencies that will be developing the request for
16 proposal, which is a document that goes out to the various
17 consulting firms, educational institutions around saying,
18 here is what we need, we need a process that looks at how
19 communities should be aggregated or not, you know, what
20 criteria should be used, what economic or sociological data
21 is a valid measure. And then we also need a process to let
22 us know what characteristics are reliable as indicators of
23 a rural or nonrural nature. And so we would award a
24 contract after that for the development of that process.
25 And then once we have that process then we take the 2000
26 census data and plug it in to use to make determinations.

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28 MS. SWAN: So that's going to take some
29 time then?

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31 MR. KNAUER: We're starting right now to
32 develop the request for proposal for the contract.

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34 MS. SWAN: And I don't know -- I'll ask
35 this, I don't know if you can answer it, but is this -- the
36 consultant firm, are you going to get them from out of
37 Alaska? In other words, are they going to be people who
38 live here and know what's here in the state?

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40 MR. KNAUER: I don't know what the criteria
41 will be yet, that hasn't been set out. Certainly I would
42 anticipate knowledge of the characteristics, the social
43 characteristics of Alaska would be part of the request for
44 proposal criteria as far as awarding a contract. That
45 would make sense to me. There are a number of
46 professionals around the country that do specialize in
47 rural/nonrural sociology and socioeconomic features, I
48 don't know who they are, but I've been told that there are
49 a number around the country.

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1 MS. EAKON: Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yes, Helga.

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5 MS. EAKON: When I spoke with Peggy Fox
6 this morning she said if you have any questions about this
7 analysis she'll be available to answer them tomorrow.

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9 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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11 MS. EAKON: Okay? Regarding this yellow
12 book.

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14 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So if you read this yellow
15 book by tomorrow.

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17 (Laughter)

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19 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And you have questions on
20 it, you can ask Peggy.

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22 MS. EAKON: Yeah.

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24 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: But it wouldn't hurt, you
25 know, if you have few minutes sometime today and, you know,
26 this evening or something, just to glance through it and
27 see if there's anything that sticks out because from what I
28 understand, and basically what they want to do is they want
29 to come up with a scientifically sound, or at least
30 defensible, program for collecting data to decide whether
31 or not a place is rural or nonrural and they'd like to
32 apply that to the Kenai before they make a decision and to
33 other places in the state.

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35 MR. KNAUER: That's correct.

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37 MS. SWAN: So, Mr. Chairman, they can make
38 the analysis with hard covers and they can go around to all
39 the rural places and bash people with them.

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41 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well, it's a hard one.

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43 MS. SWAN: Yep.

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45 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, Bill, have you got
46 anything else for us on this?

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48 MR. KNAUER: (No audible responses)

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CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And I think just a little

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1 comment on the fact that the meeting will start at 7:00
2 o'clock tonight, it'll start with an information section,
3 it'll go into public testimony. The Council is going to be
4 sitting in the audience just like everybody else and
5 basically we're there just to keep our ears opened and we
6 aren't taking part in that public testimony tonight, we're
7 just there as observers.

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9 MR. KNAUER: That's correct, Mr. Chairman.

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11 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Any other comments
12 from anybody else on the Council?

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14 (No audible responses)

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16 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Hearing none, let's go on
17 to B under Old Business. Update on cooperative agreements,
18 and I think that's the MOA, right?

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20 MS. EAKON: No, it's a different topic.

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22 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No, different topic.

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24 MS. EAKON: Yeah.

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26 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: George, we'll turn it over
27 to you.

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29 MR. SHERROD: Actually, Mr. Chair, there's
30 only one cooperative agreement, that I know of, that's
31 currently going on and that's the one in Bristol Bay and I
32 have not seen it and don't know anything about it. We've
33 sort of scaled.....

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35 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That's a good report.

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37 MR. SHERROD: Our cooperative agreements,
38 in light of gearing up for the fish ones, that someone else
39 will cover, because I don't know nothing about those
40 either.

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42 MS. EAKON: Ah.....

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Helga.

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46 MS. EAKON: You know Rachel -- I spoke with
47 Rachel, I think, about a couple of weeks ago on this topic
48 and she said that the cooperative agreement with Seldovia
49 Village Tribe was being finalized and she said Lillian

50 Elvsaas was going to be the interviewer. She did mention

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1 that. Maybe she didn't have an opportunity to mention it
2 to you, but she did say that it was going to happen.

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4 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. So there is one
5 going forward in our area?

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7 MS. EAKON: Yes, the Seldovia Tribe.

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9 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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11 MR. SHERROD: Maybe, Tim, do you know
12 anything about this?

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14 MR. JENNINGS: That's the extent of my
15 knowledge is what Helga just mentioned.

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17 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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19 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And that will be
20 covering.....

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22 MR. ELVSAAS: Mr. Chairman.

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24 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah, Fred.

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26 MR. ELVSAAS: We are going ahead with our
27 co-op agreement.

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29 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And, basically, what will
30 that be covering, what will that be gathering information
31 on?

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33 MR. ELVSAAS: Basically what we're trying
34 to do, at this point, is to determine the resource. One of
35 our big problems, of course, is the problem with the clams
36 on the seabed and we are within a critical habitat area, so
37 you can't just do whatever you wish, but that's our main
38 focus to start with. And we're also looking at fishery
39 enhancement programs, we're trying to get things going
40 there. We have to work with the State, but we also have to
41 work with the Seldovia Native Association, which the to
42 organizations work very close together, because for
43 fisheries enhancements we need to use the corporation's
44 land. And so we're going ahead with the co-op agreement
45 and certainly we envision that there will be some
46 amendments and enhancements to the program as we go,
47 because what's a good idea today is not tomorrow, and so
48 forth. But we need to get going, that's our feeling on the
49 whole issue, let's get started and see where we can work

50 together.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So basically it won't be
2 just information gathering, it'll actually be trying to
3 come up with projects to work on?

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5 MR. ELVSAAS: Pretty much information
6 gathering to start with, but, see, the information
7 gathering we expect to lead into projects.

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9 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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11 MR. ELVSAAS: That's the way we view the
12 thing.

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14 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Any questions for Fred?

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16 (No audible responses)

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18 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Helga. Thank
19 you, George, for a very short report on that.

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21 We're going to skip C under Old Business and we're
22 going to go on to D, which is a report on the training
23 session. The training session that took place at the end
24 of January and had very, very good attendance.

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26 There's really not too much to say on that, other
27 than the fact that -- I'll try to be as short as George --
28 other than the fact that it was well attended and well
29 received and I think there was quite a bit learned and
30 quite a bit shared at it. The thing that came out of it,
31 for me, was the reluctance of the different Councils to
32 comment on anything like MOA or project lists outside of
33 bringing it back a regular Council meeting where it could
34 be discussed in a public meeting and acted on as a Council,
35 they were very reluctant to either offer support or
36 anything to anything without bringing it back to the
37 Regional Council. I think that was commendatory. I think
38 it was a very good idea. I think that we have to be very
39 careful about speaking out of turn.

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41 But the training session, the training part of it,
42 I think, was well received. I think everybody that was
43 there learned something. Maybe not as much as they would
44 have liked to or maybe more than they would have liked to,
45 but I think we all learned something from it. I think it's
46 also a good idea, and I think there's going to be more of
47 them needed in the future.

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49 If I had to make a comment for myself, I would have

50 to say that my only comment on it would be that we need

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1 more -- oh, I guess I'll say more talking from the heart
2 instead of the head. There was a lot of specialized
3 language there and specialized language leaves people out.
4 We need to, as we're talking, I'm not talking about down to
5 people by a long shot, but I'm talking about talking in --
6 you know, we forget or people who are in different fields
7 that deal with other people that are in those fields forget
8 that they develop their own language that takes for granted
9 that somebody understands the stuff that's in front of it.
10 It doesn't have the same meaning to those of us that don't
11 work in those fields. And I think we need to be very
12 careful to talk in just plain, common, English and get out
13 of some of our professionalism.

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15 And it's hard to do because -- I'll give you my
16 example, but there were some very, very professional
17 presentations there. If I read my NFIB magazine it would
18 come right out of that, you know, how to make a board
19 presentation. You're talking to a board, you're talking to
20 staff, you do all of the -- you do it with all of the glitz
21 and the glitter to attract the attention, and that actually
22 does less than if you just talk to somebody in the language
23 that they're used to using. And it would be the kind --
24 the presentations a lot of them reminded me of
25 presentations that you'd get if you were talking to your
26 peers in the field that you're in. And you need to
27 remember that you're talking to people that use the
28 resource in a totally different way.

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30 And I got lost a few times, and talking to a few
31 other people, I think they did, too. But it was a lot of
32 information presented and I think we all learned something
33 from it and if we can learn, also, to, you know, try to
34 talk sometimes -- keep out some of the bureaucracy when we
35 talk and talk in language that everybody can understand all
36 of the time, you're not going to do it, but if you make
37 that effort you're going to communicate better.

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39 So any other comments from some of you that were at
40 the training session?

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42 MS. SWAN: Mr. Chairman, I found the
43 training session to be -- it was very useful. I didn't
44 expect it, I just thought, you know -- I mean, what else is
45 there to say about subsistence? I always think that
46 whenever we're going to have another meeting. But I found
47 it very, very good because we got to hear from -- everybody
48 has a job that they have to do and, you know, when we're
49 hell-bent on getting our stuff done, and we -- me, me, me,

50 I'm going to go do this, we don't listen to each other a

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1 lot. And so we -- talking isn't communicating by itself,
2 but I think this time it was well done and I came away with
3 some pretty useful information and better understanding of
4 what everyone else in the state has to do. And we are all
5 here together and we have to come to some place.

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7 I don't know if it's appropriate to ask this though
8 right at this time, but there was -- you know, you wrote a
9 letter regarding your concern for the lack of funding for
10 the field personnel -- subsistence field personnel, is that
11 still going to be a problem or did you get an answer to the
12 letter or are they going to give us any more money or what?

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14 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Answer to all of those, I
15 don't know.

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17 MS. EAKON: Mr. Chair.

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19 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yes.

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21 MS. EAKON: Tom Boyd, who is the Assistant
22 Regional Director for our program is on his way to
23 Washington, D.C. and he has with him, for his briefings,
24 your letter as well as those he has received from other
25 Regional Councils, speaking to that issue.

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27 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you.

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29 MS. EAKON: So when he comes back from D.C.
30 -- when is he coming back -- Tim, when's he coming back?

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32 MR. JENNINGS: Early next week.

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34 MS. EAKON: Early next week. We'll have an
35 idea of what transpired.

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37 Did you have any additional information to add to?
38 Who he's briefing

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40 MR. JENNINGS: The briefing is on Friday
41 and he's briefing an assistant secretary under Secretary
42 Babbitt.

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Any other comments.

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46 MR. DEMENTI: Yeah, Ralph, I'd like to
47 thank you for your presentation at the meeting, I think it
48 was one of the few people that were up presenting the
49 workshop that knows what they were talking about by using

50 subsistence. A subsistence user. One of the few people

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1 and I want to thank you, Ralph.

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Gilbert, but
4 you probably give me more credit than I'm due there.

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6 MR. DEMENTI: Well, it was a good
7 presentation.

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9 MR. ELVSAAS: I have to agree, that was
10 real good. And that was truly a presentation from the
11 heart, you know. There wasn't a person in that room that
12 didn't understand what you said, where there was a lot of
13 comments on other presentations "what do they mean?" And,
14 yeah, thank you, Ralph.

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16 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I guess I was thinking of
17 one of the presenters that followed me that didn't have
18 much time and so she quickly scribbled a few things out and
19 put them up on the projector and talked and she didn't have
20 any pretty pictures and she didn't have -- but she got
21 right down to the meat of what the whole issues were and it
22 was all -- what she presented was all short, clear and
23 concise, and to me that was, you know, the fact you can do
24 that if you want, if you have to get down to the point
25 where you have to talk on what's important. And, I don't
26 know, like I said, I think we all gained something, even
27 from the ones that sometimes we felt like, boy, it's nice
28 scenery and everything else. But, you know, there was
29 something in everybody's presentation that was worthwhile
30 getting, it was sometimes just a little harder to get, and
31 I think it was worthwhile.

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33 Okay. With that, if there's no other comments,
34 we'll go on to E, 1999 Annual Report. You'll find it in
35 your book under Tab R. It's pretty empty so far.

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37 MS. EAKON: Mr. Chair, before we do that,
38 we probably should recognize Nat Good who just walked in,
39 he's the Eastern Interior Regional Council -- are you vice
40 chair, Nat?

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42 MR. GOOD: Yeah.

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44 MS. EAKON: Yes, the vice-chair.

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46 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I recognize you, Nat. I
47 recognized you as you walked in, too.

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49 (Laughter)

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1 MS. SWAN: Hi, Nat.

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you for coming.

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5 MS. EAKON: Okay. Yes, indeed, your.....

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7 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, our working copy,
8 under Tab R.

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10 MS. EAKON: It's very blank, yeah.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's very blank, this
13 concludes the Annual Report and a one sentence on the
14 Regional Council appreciates the Subsistence Board held a
15 public hearing.

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17 I would like to put in there, if it's worthwhile, I
18 would like to put in a thank you for the training session,
19 if that is legitimate. Is there anything else that we have
20 as far as issues that need to be -- again, I think we can
21 also put in the issue of funding for -- if you're going to
22 take over the management of fish you have to have the
23 funding to do the work.

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25 Anybody see anything else or is that in agreement
26 with everybody else?

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28 MS. EAKON: I'm sorry, I missed that.

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30 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Two things I thought that
31 we could put in there, Helga, if they're not out of order
32 would, again, a reiteration of the fact that if we're going
33 to have Federal management of fisheries, sufficient funding
34 to do the field work is necessary. And also a thank you
35 for the opportunity that they provided us with a training
36 session.

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38 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And I just thought of
41 something else, and that would be basically that -- no, I
42 can't remember it now. Oh, that we'll probably need more
43 training sessions as the fisheries issues are probably
44 going to be more complicated in the future.

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46 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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48 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Anybody else go something
49 that we can fill in that blank page?

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1 (No audible responses)

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3 MS. EAKON: If you would like to revisit
4 this at.....

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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: The end of the meeting?

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8 MS. EAKON:end of the meeting, as we
9 did before, because something might come up during the fish
10 discussion.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah.

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14 MS. EAKON: So if you want to revisit it on
15 your agenda as 8(E)(3) Annual Report continued.

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17 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, let's do that.

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19 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Because -- if that's
22 agreement with everybody else. Anybody have anything that
23 they would like to see put in the Annual Report at this
24 time? It's also time to do it right now.

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26 (No audible responses)

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28 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Maybe when Fred is here
29 he'll have some issues from up there.

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31 MS. EAKON: Yeah.

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33 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Next we have the
34 update on the migratory bird management body. Do we have
35 somebody here to present that?

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37 MS. EAKON: If you look under Tab S,
38 Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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42 MS. EAKON: The personnel of the Migratory
43 Bird Management Office have not received the Washington,
44 D.C. approved decision and when that is received in the
45 regional office Bob Stevens said he'll make sure that each
46 of you get a copy through the postal mail.

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48 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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MS. EAKON: Okay. And before we leave

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1 that, I want to mention -- Jerry, is Gloria going to join
2 us at 11:00 o'clock?

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4 MR. BERG: Yes, 11:00.

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6 MS. EAKON: Just make a note that Gloria
7 will call in at 11:00 o'clock to do her testimony.

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9 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. At this point in
10 time we're going to.....

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12 MS. EAKON: Oh, I'm sorry. I just got
13 handed an update on the migratory birds.

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15 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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17 MS. EAKON: This is from Mimi Hogan who
18 runs that program. Let's see, she says, first we organize
19 management bodies, then the management bodies recommend
20 regulations with input from people in their regions. The
21 management bodies will not be using Regional Advisory
22 Councils. There will be one Statewide Management Bodies
23 with seven regional support groups. Details have not yet
24 cleared review within the Service, but a Federal Register
25 Notice should be out within the next month. We'll do an
26 extensive mailing at that time and news releases. We will
27 convene the management body this year and the members will
28 rely on regional groups for recommendations. Spring
29 subsistence regulations will be part of the national
30 waterfowl regulations and will come out in September 2001,
31 if all goes well. That would make spring hunting legal
32 within the regulations in spring of 2002. In the meantime
33 the closed season policy is still in effect. We will have
34 those brochures out this month.

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36 Secondly, we are recommending an Alaska Native
37 member to the Flyway Technical Committee. However, the
38 Service cannot appoint anyone to the Committee or Council
39 because they are run by the Flyways not the Service. It is
40 our understanding that the Flyway Councils are receptive to
41 Alaska Native representation.

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43 And that's the end of her update, Mr. Chair.

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45 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. So, basically, we
46 don't have to worry about it because they'll not be using
47 the Regional Advisory Council system?

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49 MS. EAKON: That's correct.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And the first regulations
2 that will take effect will be 2002?

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4 MS. EAKON: That is correct.

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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Any other comments on
7 migratory bird?

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9 (No audible responses)

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11 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. And then G, I don't
12 know why we put it there, that is not where we should have
13 put it. We're to reconsider our Kenai recommendation.
14 Somehow or other I think I had the idea that we wouldn't
15 get to that until after we had the public hearing tonight,
16 but if a motion would be in order to put that under any
17 other new business at this point in time, I would like to
18 move G to -- you know, where we're suppose to revisit the
19 Kenai.

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21 MS. SWAN: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So moved. Is there a
24 second?

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26 MR. ELVSAAS: Second.

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28 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Any discussion?

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30 (No audible responses)

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32 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: All in favor signify by
33 saying aye.

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35 IN UNISON: Aye.

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37 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, so it becomes item
38 number (4), under any other new business.

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40 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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42 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And that way we can do it
43 after we listened to the public testimony, if we so wish.

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45 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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47 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: At this point in time
48 we're going to go on to the proposals. I would like to
49 give every body a -- well, let's take a break at least

50 until 10:30.

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3 (On record)

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5 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I'd like to call this
6 spring meeting of the Southcentral Regional Subsistence
7 Advisory Council back in session. We were just to the
8 point where we were going to start on proposals. I have one
9 wish to testify here and they would like to testify at each
10 one of the proposals as they come up, and that's totally
11 legitimate. In that case we're ready to go on.

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13 Helga, would you like to take us through the
14 presentation procedure for each proposal?

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16 MS. EAKON: Yes, in order to do a good
17 public process, if you would kindly follow the protocol
18 that appears on page 2 of your agenda and the lead will
19 lead off, we will give ADF&G an opportunity to comment on
20 the particular proposal. Other agency comments, then Nat
21 Good with Eastern Interior recommendations on overlapping
22 proposals, including 58 and 59. And then give Fish and
23 Game Advisory Committee representatives, if any, an
24 opportunity to comment and I will follow with summary of
25 written public comment, then we'll open the floor to public
26 testimony and then we'll finalize with your Regional
27 Council recommendation, Mr. Chair.

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29 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, thank you. With
30 that we will open the proposal section of this meeting.
31 And I see that Proposal 1, George, you're going to read a
32 letter into that one? A long letter.

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34 MR. SHERROD: A long letter.

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36 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I know, because I know who
37 it came from.

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39 MR. SHERROD: I thought -- are we doing the
40 order in the book or are we doing order.....

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42 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: We're doing the order in
43 the book except we're putting 12, 14, 16 through 21 at the
44 end of the.....

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46 MS. DEWHURST: So then we'd be up on 13
47 first.

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49 MS. EAKON: Yeah, we would do 13 first.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well, wouldn't we do 1 and
2 2 first?

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4 MS. DEWHURST: Well, the order in the
5 agenda is different from the way they are printed in the
6 book.

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8 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Oh, this is the agenda
9 that I'm working out right here.

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11 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah.

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13 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Oh, I see what you mean.
14 The order of the book is different than the agenda. Well,
15 let just -- let's stick with agenda and that way we can
16 cross them off as we come to them.

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18 MS. DEWHURST: Okay.

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20 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Unless there's a problem
21 with 2, are you ready for 2?

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23 MS. DEWHURST: No, no, I was just thinking
24 it would be easier than skipping back and forth.

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26 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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28 MS. SWAN: Yeah, it would.

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30 MS. DEWHURST: But we can skip back and
31 forth.

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33 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well.....

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35 MR. SHERROD: Okay. Now I'm going to
36 find.....

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38 MS. EAKON: On page 161 in your book.

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40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Helga, you'll -- so
41 these two are at the back of the section, huh?

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43 MS. EAKON: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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45 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Oh, well that's why.....

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47 MR. SHERROD: Ralph, this is your letter, I
48 mean.....

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CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I know, that's why I said

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1 it's a long one.

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3 MR. SHERROD: It's a long one.

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5 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I guess, I'll just -- I'll
6 make a comment on this one here. I've withdrawn it. I put
7 it in in good faith and I understood that it caused -- and
8 I received some correspondence it, too, and I could see
9 where it was misinterpreted and I just would like this
10 letter to be part of the record of why I did it.

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12 MR. SHERROD: Okay.

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14 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And.....

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16 MR. SHERROD: And being in the book it's
17 part of the record, but I will read it in. This letter is
18 Ralph's letter, it's to Helga and all concerned. It says:

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20 With all due respect, and in answer to the concerns
21 expressed, it will be with great reluctance that I withdrew
22 my proposal without ever having the opportunity to speak to
23 it.

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25 But he did have the opportunity.

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27 With that in mind I would like you to circulate
28 this letter to those who expressed concern and attach it to
29 my proposal. If that can be done, I will withdraw my
30 proposal out of respect for those who have expressed the
31 concerns I will attempt to address.

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33 This proposal was submitted with all due respect to
34 the past and the cultural heritage of all people who have
35 descended from hunter-gatherer ancestors. This includes
36 all of us Alaskans, Native and non-Native alike.

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38 This proposal was not meant to imply that all
39 subsistence should be done with primitive methods and
40 means, nor as a limitation. Rather it was intended to
41 extend the opportunity to young Alaskans to take a journey
42 back in time, and in doing so learn to appreciate the
43 skills and difficulties faced by the ancestors to whom they
44 owe their own existence.

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46 This proposal is not about "food", but like
47 "subsistence" and "culture" is more than that. This
48 proposal is about dreams, self esteem, "medicine journeys"
49 and a sense of accomplishment. It is about appreciation

50 and understanding of the past, and thankfulness for the

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1 present. It's not even meant for "old folks" like myself
2 and most of you reading this letter.....

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4 Me included,

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6but for our children, grandchildren and great
7 grandchildren.

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9 I am one of the "lucky" ones. I have lived and am
10 living my dreams. In my years in Alaska I've lived in the
11 Bush where access was by airplane or snowmachine only, I've
12 lived 45 miles out of a seldom maintained McCarthy Road,
13 and I've lived as part of the rural costal community with
14 all its benefits of schools, church, stores., et cetera.
15 Each place has provided experiences to help me better
16 understand and appreciate the others.

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18 I have run my traplines on foot, on snowshoes and
19 skis, with on e dog pulling a toboggan, and with a dog team
20 and by snowmachine. The fact that I have done it a
21 "harder" way gives me a sense of satisfaction and
22 confidence and an appreciation for what ancestors who had
23 no "easy" way accomplished. All of these methods of travel
24 make me "really" appreciate the ease with which we now
25 cover really rough country and long distances in an
26 airplane. Our young people need that appreciation today.
27 To do that, they had a context with which to compare it.

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29 Having built cabins with only an axe makes me
30 appreciate the help of a chainsaw on others, or the ease
31 and advantages of building a modern stick frame house.
32 Having pulled logs for a cabin with a team of dogs makes me
33 appreciate and be thankful for the semi-truck load of
34 building supplies coming within a quarter of a mile of my
35 current building sight. The same as all those winters with
36 candles and kerosene lights gives me an understanding of
37 how dim and hard to come by light was in the past, and
38 helps me really appreciate pulling the starter cord on a
39 generator or turning on a light switch.

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41 If you have no frame of reference, no connecting
42 experiences to the past, and no "feel" for how it was for
43 our ancestors, you may just take the present for granted
44 instead of being thankful for current advantages. You may
45 even become disconnected from the past, and discontented
46 and unthankful in the present. Our young people need to
47 know and experience what it was like for their ancestors in
48 order to appreciate those who "walked this way before" and
49 to help them be confident thankful people today.

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1 My grandfather was a farmer and cabinet maker. I
2 have some of his and other old planes. I like to work with
3 wood and so have learned a little about using those tools.
4 I have no desire to limit myself to using them, but I do
5 have an appreciation of the skill it took to use them and
6 of the things that were built with them that I would never
7 have if I hadn't tried them. I've built dog sleds with
8 modern tools and nylon cord, but the one I built with a
9 handsaw and chisel and the one I tied with rawhide I made
10 myself does a lot more for making me appreciate the old
11 sleds I see in the museums. This proposal would allow some
12 young person to develop that same appreciation of the
13 hunting skills of the past.

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15 I have sons that are now nine, 11 and 13. When the
16 oldest was 11 I taught them how to use an axe and showed
17 them some "real" trees (six inches to 12 inches in
18 diameter) that needed cleared. Quite a number of trees
19 later both their skill and self-confidence had advanced.
20 after using an axe and bow saw to cut some up for firewood
21 their appreciation of a chainsaw increased considerably.
22 This was the same as being limited to rocks or sling shots
23 for grouse hunting. The grouse taken that way were much
24 more of an accomplishment for them and helped them
25 appreciate the ease with which the same result could be
26 accomplished with a .22 rifle.

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28 I like the "old ways", I like to study them and
29 trying them, but I would never want to have to go back to
30 just them. Yet, the tie to them is what makes me better
31 appreciate what I have in the present. I feel we need an
32 understanding of the past that can only come from the
33 opportunity of "hands-on" experience and not just looking
34 at it in a museum, to be confident, thankful people in the
35 present.

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37 It is the same with this proposal, it was not
38 intended to limit but to offer the opportunity to young
39 people, and old, who wanted to expend the effort to learn
40 and develop the skills to be able to step back in time and
41 experience what their ancestors experienced.

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43 This proposal was worked with the help of my young
44 sons, whom in their youthful idealism took for granted it
45 would pass. They immediately started planning how they
46 could get the supplies and equipment so when they got
47 "bigger" they could participate. Their goal was a fall
48 mountain hunt, staying there until the snows drove them
49 down, like I had described to them as told me by Susie

50 Brickel, an elder of Chitina who had lived in Taral. That

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1 dream would have driven them to learn much to learn and
2 develop my skills, I hope they do it anyway.

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4 The amount of game taken under this proposal as
5 written is expected to be extremely little. This is more
6 like a journey to tie into roots rather than a hunt. The
7 requirements are severe and not easy to accomplish on
8 purpose. The limitations on transportation of game or
9 hunter will definitely limit this to rural residents in
10 close proximity to their place of dwelling. Not using iron
11 or steel in any form means that it will not be a spur of
12 the moment decision to take an animal under this provision.
13 If the health of our game populations can't take this
14 minimal increase in impact then they definitely aren't
15 strong enough to consider using modern equipment.

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17 Another question was how do you check for skill or
18 proficiency? At some point in time we have to admit that
19 some small things are so indefinite as to be uncheckable.
20 This is one of them. The person who does the necessary
21 studying, learns from the elders and develops the patience
22 and skills necessary to build and learn to use the
23 equipment of his ancestors, will have a better
24 understanding of their use and limitations than anyone
25 else. Again, with the requirements involved, only a really
26 dedicated and committed young person will be taking part.
27 What an incentive for growth and learning at many of the
28 cultural and "spirit" camps, and what an opportunity to
29 demonstrate the use of many of these old tools of
30 subsistence this can provide.

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32 Lastly, in answer to the question of whether or not
33 this could be used by anti-hunters as not being "humane".
34 To those that by their own writing give the same value to a
35 boy as to a rat, and that's a Native Alaskan boy as well as
36 a non-Native boy, and who makes no secret of their ultimate
37 goal of eliminating all animal usage by anybody, it may be
38 used. The same as they are willing to use "rural
39 subsistence" and then "Native subsistence" to eliminate
40 other users to make the user group smaller and politically
41 weaker so they can eliminate them, too. They have a goal
42 and they are patient. The old adage of "united we'll
43 stand, divided we'll fall" applies to the use of the
44 animals for food and "subsistence" also. We need to look
45 with suspicion at anyone who suggests dividing neighbors.

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47 It reminds me of a quote by a Lutheran pastor in
48 Germany sitting in the death camp at Dachau. "When they
49 came for the Jews, I didn't say anything, I wasn't a Jew.

50 When they came for the Poles, I didn't say anything, I

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1 wasn't a Pole. When they came for the Catholics, I didn't
2 say anything, I wasn't a Catholic. When they came for me,
3 there wasn't anyone left to say anything."

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5 ANILCA and subsistence are about more than food or
6 access to game and fish. They are about an appreciation of
7 the past and a continuation of rural lifestyle that could
8 be threatened in the future. It guarantees the opportunity
9 to experience and learn from that lifestyle is available to
10 all Native and non-Native people willing to forego, for a
11 limited time or a lifetime, the benefits of an urban
12 existence. For our mental, emotional, spiritual and
13 physical health we all need to know that, even if we don't
14 choose to participate. All our ancestors hunted with bow
15 and spear. I feel that this proposal would have extended
16 the possibility, for all who were willing to expend the
17 effort, to better understand and appreciate our past and
18 the past of their neighbors.

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20 Thank you, Ralph E. Lohse.

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22 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you.

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24 MS. EAKON: It's almost time to pick up
25 Gloria, I think she standing by the pay phone and.....

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27 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: If she's standing by,
28 let's hook her up.

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30 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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32 (Off record comments - attempting to get
33 Ms. Stickwan on the line)

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35 MR. BERG: She must have given me the wrong
36 number, so we'll have to try it again. I'll have to try
37 and get in touch with her.

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39 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. I see we have we
40 have some new people in the room, if you wish to testify
41 there's blue slip at the table over there to fill out.

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43 Okay. We're going to hold off on that for a little
44 while? Some how or another I got a strong signal and an
45 echo there. Can you all here -- there. Can you still hear
46 me at this level?

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48 REPORTER: I can, I don't know about them.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I guess I could really
2 hear me -- I could really hear me at the other level.

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4 Okay. With that we'll go on to Proposal 2, Request
5 for expansion of season to mirror State seasons for
6 furbearers. Donna.

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8 MS. DEWHURST: The analysis.....

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10 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Can you give us the page
11 number on that?

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13 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah, that the analysis in
14 there, the analysis starts on page 169, it's near the back.

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16 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: 169.

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18 MS. DEWHURST: It's under Tab T.

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20 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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22 MS. DEWHURST: This one should go pretty
23 quick even though it's a little bit complicated. It's a
24 statewide proposal.

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26 What we did -- I did it, actually. About a year
27 ago there was a concern about trapping and talk about
28 trapping and changing trapping seasons and things and I
29 decided to look through the regs and see if there was any
30 discrepancies between the State and the Federal regs.
31 Well, as you can see by the list on page 170 there was a
32 pile of them. And, at first, we talked about doing
33 separate proposals, and I thought this will be ridiculous
34 there's so many, why not just lump them in together. And
35 all of these proposed changes are relatively minor, usually
36 of a week or two weeks. And, in every case, the Federal
37 season is currently more restrictive than the existing
38 State season, so all of these instances are -- what we're
39 proposing is to liberalize the Federal season to match the
40 existing State season.

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42 And, for this Council, basically, there's one --
43 the second one, on Unit 6 marten down to Unit 15 otter,
44 most of those are yours, with the exception of there's a
45 Unit 10 red fox and a Unit 12 coyote which aren't yours,
46 but other than that that whole pile of them, the big chunk
47 of them is Southcentral. But all of them, if you look down
48 the list, are minor changes in dates that really should
49 affect much because the State season has been ongoing all

50 this time with the more liberal seasons and you could trap

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1 under the State regs on most Federal land, so it's kind of
2 -- this is almost like an administrative change is what it
3 amounts to. There shouldn't be any impact at all, none of
4 the species we're talking about are threatened or
5 endangered or anything, these are all healthy populations.
6 And there really should be any impact anyway because the
7 State season was already opened to the more liberal days.
8 So we're just basically trying to line up the trapping
9 season dates between the Federal and State books.

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11 And that's in -- and our recommendation, of course,
12 is to go with it.

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14 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Any questions for Donna?

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16 (No audible responses)

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18 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I have one question,
19 Donna, and I guess it's -- in cases where the State season
20 was more liberal what kind of situations could it have been
21 that you would couldn't operate under the State season?

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23 MS. DEWHURST: The only circumstances,
24 there's certain Park Service lands that you can only trap
25 under subsistence regs, there's certain types of Park
26 Service lands, but that's the only -- otherwise you could.

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28 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah.

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30 MS. DEWHURST: And that's why I say this is
31 almost more of an administrative change than anything, just
32 to clean the books up and that's why we decided to do it as
33 just one proposal and just change all of these at one time
34 instead of a series.

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36 MR. SHERROD: Mr. Chair, there was a rider
37 attached to an appropriations bill that didn't make it that
38 would have limited trapping on Federal lands to only
39 subsistence which would have resulted in not having the
40 opportunity to use the State regs, and that was what
41 initiated this statewide attempt to bring us in line.

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43 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. But that rider
44 was.....

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46 MR. SHERROD: It was defeated, but at the
47 same time.....

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49 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: But it had been there?

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1 MR. SHERROD: It was there when this --
2 when we initiated this proposal.

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4 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah, I guess I was just
5 wondering because I know we never looked at anything but
6 State regulations for trapping and I was just wondering if
7 we had been trapping illegally, you know.

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9 Okay. So basically in all of these, like you said,
10 actually extend the season.

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12 MS. DEWHURST: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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14 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And make the subsistence
15 season equal to the season that the State currently has.
16 Any discussion on it? I should have said a motion to
17 support this is in order and then we could have discussion
18 on it. Is there a motion to support this proposal?

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20 MR. DEMENTI: So moved.

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22 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's been moved, do I hear
23 a second.

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25 MS. SWAN: Second.

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27 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I hear a second. Any
28 discussion?

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30 (No audible responses)

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32 MR. VLASOFF: Question.

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34 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Question's been called.
35 All in favor signify by saying aye.

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37 IN UNISON: Aye.

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39 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Opposed signify by saying
40 nay.

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42 (No opposing responses)

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Motion carries
45 unanimously.

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47 Okay, that was an easy one.

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49 MS. DEWHURST: Luckily several of the ones

50 we'll doing today are fairly easy.

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1 MS. EAKON: We didn't go through the
2 protocol though.

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4 MS. DEWHURST: I'm sorry.

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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: You are right.

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8 MS. EAKON: For a very good public process
9 because we do have some written comments.

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11 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Let's -- I am
12 sorry, I apologize on that one there.

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14 MS. SWAN: What did you do?

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16 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: We didn't go -- we didn't
17 hear the public comments and.....

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19 MS. EAKON: Fish and Game.

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21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE:we don't need to
22 rescind our motion, but I think we could reconsider it
23 after hearing the comments. And I'm sorry we didn't go
24 through the whole steps.

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26 Okay. Alaska Department of Fish and Game comments.
27 And I'm sorry I skipped you guys on that one.

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29 MR. FALL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm Jim
30 Fall and I'm with the Subsistence Division of Fish and Game
31 and Steve Machida from the Wildlife Division should be
32 arriving here shortly to provide comments on those
33 proposals that primarily deal with hunting, fishing
34 regulations and the biological aspects.

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36 For this one you can see our comments, which were
37 submitted a few months ago, they're in your book on page
38 171 and we supported this proposal with some modifications
39 and it looks like the modifications were technical comments
40 about some -- perhaps some discrepancies between the State
41 season right now and what was in the proposal. So it looks
42 like they're mostly technical kinds of things that could be
43 dealt with.

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45 And that's all we have on this one here.

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47 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Because I think this
48 proposal calls for aligning these proposals with State
49 seasons -- to realign, right, George?

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1 MR. SHERROD: Well, this was to align
2 proposals in the cases where the State season was more
3 liberal.

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5 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Was more liberal, right.
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7 MR. SHERROD: And the ADF&G comments had to
8 do with a number of proposals or situations in which the
9 Federal season was already more liberal and it was not
10 intent to go to a more restrictive season. That's where
11 the discrepancy is.

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13 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah.
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15 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Uh-huh. I mean it says
16 right in the proposal that it's to align the ones that are
17 more -- where the State season is more liberal.

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19 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah, that was the main
20 comments from the State, was that they wanted everything
21 aligned.

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23 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah, uh-huh.
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25 MS. DEWHURST: And we said, at this time,
26 we weren't ready to align the other ones that would involve
27 restrictions.

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29 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right. Without going
30 through a process on it. Thank you.

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32 MR. FALL: Thanks.
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34 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Other Council -- Nat, have
35 you got a comment on this one?

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37 MR. GOOD: I don't have my exact notes with
38 me, so maybe George can help me out, but we did take a look
39 at the Fish and Game comments here and I believe we
40 incorporated some of them. For instance, on Unit 13 it was
41 adding a season in there that isn't in the State and that
42 was on the marten season, November 10th through December
43 31st. And that did change.

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45 MR. SHERROD: That was a separate proposal.
46 That was a marten, weasel.

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48 MR. GOOD: I thought we took it up under
49 this, too, didn't we add those in?

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No, it shouldn't have
2 been.

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4 MR. SHERROD: Not on this one.

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6 MR. GOOD: Okay. But otherwise, yes, we
7 did pass it.

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9 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: You did pass this one?

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11 MR. GOOD: Yes.

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13 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Fish and Game
14 Advisory Committee comments; do we have any of those?

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16 (No audible responses)

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18 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Summary of written public
19 comments. Helga, that's what we really missed.

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21 MS. EAKON: Okay. The Cooper Landing Fish
22 and Game Advisory Committee supports only if this proposal
23 is amended so that current and future Federal trapping
24 seasons and State trapping seasons will always be the same.

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26 The Rainbow St. Elias Subsistence Resource
27 Commission supports this proposal, as does the Denali
28 Subsistence Resource Commission.

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30 And that is all the written comments.

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32 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And don't have any -- we
33 do have public testimony down here for Proposal 2 from
34 Eleanor.

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36 MS. EAKON: Is it Eleanor?

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38 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Eleanor Dementi.

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40 MS. DEMENTI: On 2?

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42 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I think -- yeah, you got
43 2, 58 and 59 written down.

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45 MS. DEMENTI: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My
46 name is Eleanor Dementi, I'm the Vice Chair of the Copper
47 River Native Association and these comments were prepared
48 by Gloria Stickwan, our Program Subsistence Director. And
49 she's unable to attend today, although she was planning to

50 join us by teleconference. So I'll just read her

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1 testimony.

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3 Proposal 2, Copper River Native Association
4 supports linking trapping season for the species listed in
5 this proposal.

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7 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So they support?

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9 MS. DEMENTI: Yes, they do.

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11 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you.

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13 MS. DEMENTI: Thank you.

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15 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Any other public testimony
16 on this proposal?

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18 (No audible responses)

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20 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And now that we've heard
21 that, does anybody wish to reconsider the motion that we
22 just made and passed or does the testimony support what we
23 did?

24 (No audible responses)

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26 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I feel it supports what we
27 did in this case, but I did get out of order and I will
28 expect Helga next time to rap on the table if I start
29 jumping ahead of myself.

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31 Okay. Thank you. And I'm glad that this happened
32 to be a proposal that everybody agreed with what we did, to
33 a certain extent.

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35 Okay, we're now going on to Proposal 13, we put 12,
36 14, 16 through 21 to the back.

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38 And have you got a testifier's form right there?

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40 MS. DEWHURST: 13 analysis starts on page

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43 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, page 28.

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45 MS. DEWHURST: Under Tab T.

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47 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Under Tab T. And request
48 for reduction in season and harvest limit for caribou Unit
49 13.

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1 MS. DEWHURST: The request was submitted by
2 the Paxson Fish and Game Advisory Committee to reduce the
3 caribou bag limit from two to one, and to reduce the
4 seasons, which are presently August 10th through September
5 30th, with a second season of October 21st through March
6 31st, to a single season of August 25th through September
7 30. And this is in Unit 13.

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9 The request was for concern for the conservation of
10 the Nelchina caribou who are having some problems currently
11 with calf survival and other things. And the other concern
12 stated by Paxson was that hunters are using snowmachines to
13 chase caribou, especially in the winter season in the
14 Paxson area, and that's why they wanted to eliminate that
15 winter season. So those are the two concerns expressed by
16 Paxson.

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18 Our review of the situation, and because this was
19 new for me I had to do quite a bit of background research,
20 which was kind of interesting. The Nelchina Caribou Herd
21 had been a real roller coaster as far as population size,
22 looking at the history of it. Back in the '40s when really
23 it was the first time we started doing counts and getting
24 good records it ranged around 5,000 to 15,000, then jumped
25 up to 70,000 in the 1960s and then dropped back down to
26 10,000 in the early '70s and now is up in the neighborhood
27 of, you know, 40 -- you know, then it jumped back up and
28 then it slowly increased again to the 1990s to where it
29 was, like, 40-50,000 animals. So it's been -- you know, if
30 you put this on a graph it would be this major roller
31 coaster in population size. So it's had some pretty
32 dramatic rises and crashes over the years. Part of that
33 was due, in the early years, there was -- you know, there
34 were Federal bounties on wolves and so wolf control was a
35 factor early on, back in the 1940s and '50s and through the
36 '60s actually.

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38 What we're dealing with now is the State's --
39 ADF&G's management objectives for the Nelchina Caribou Herd
40 are to try to keep the herd within 35 to 40,000 animals.
41 They feel that is what the caring capacity of that area can
42 hold. And what they're trying to do is prevent these
43 massive rises and falls. They feel if they can keep it
44 within that range -- we should be able to keep it within
45 that range without having these major increases followed by
46 crashes, which makes it really, really difficult to keep
47 trying to change the regulations.

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49 Currently, in the past several years, we've been

50 having a decline, about since 1997. Just prior to that it

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1 was over 40,000, so they had liberalized all their hunting
2 regulations, but then as of 1997 the numbers started
3 dropping and dropped below 35,000, so the State, at that
4 point, started cutting back on the harvest regulations.
5 Where were at today in 1999, the last survey conducted in
6 the fall we're looking -- well, the summer survey got
7 33,000 animals, fall post rut survey estimate was 31,000.

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9 That wasn't as big of a concern, talking to Bob
10 Tobey with ADF&G as -- his main concern though was that the
11 calf numbers were dropped to 23 calves:100 cows, that's a
12 really low number. We should be seeing in the neighborhood
13 of around 40 calves:100 cows, so that's almost half. And
14 that's the main concern is we're not getting recruitment in
15 the population, i.e., the animals that are being hunted
16 aren't being replaced by calves. And you keep doing that,
17 at some point the numbers are going to keep going down.
18 The bull:cow ratio was better but still below what they
19 wanted. The wanted 40 bulls:100 cows and they're only
20 seeing 30.

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22 And then the other thing, kind of a double-whammy,
23 was they were doing -- they have a number of radio collars
24 on these caribous and following the radio collars they were
25 getting a higher than normal death rate on the animals that
26 were collared, they were getting about a 15 to 25 percent,
27 so up to a quarter of the animals that were collared died
28 last year, which was much in excess of what they would
29 expect, they would expect around 10 percent and it was much
30 higher than what they were expecting.

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32 So, you know, talking to Bob Tobey they're
33 concerned with the Nelchina animals and they're really --
34 the State's, at this point, kind of on the edge of trying
35 to decide what they're going to do with their hunt. Of
36 course, most of you are familiar, as far as on the State
37 end of this whole game, it's highly controversial because
38 it's the primary hunting ground for Anchorage hunters. So
39 what they have to deal with is the whole Anchorage
40 contingent, which can be highly vocal as far as saying
41 whether you keep the hunt opened or closed or how many
42 animals and that sort of thing.

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44 On our end, we're not providing for Anchorage
45 hunters, we're providing for the rural preference and the
46 locals to be hunting. The State, last fall, because of
47 these problems did an emergency closure of their Tier II
48 hunt in October. We did not follow through and close the
49 Federal hunt. I talked to Bob Tobey at the time and he

50 felt that the low number -- you know, the number of animals

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1 we take under the Federal season is basically a drop in the
2 bucket compared to the State hunt. We're talking, usually,
3 under 500 animals on the Federal hunt, where the State hunt
4 is, I think, a couple of thousand. So the State didn't
5 feel that there was a need for us to close the Federal
6 hunt, they felt that it could still support the animals
7 being taken under the Federal season, so we never closed
8 the Federal season, even though the State season was closed
9 as of October.

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11 Now, even with that, as of January, the last time I
12 checked the database, only 107 caribou were reported
13 harvested under the Federal season. So it was a very low
14 harvest so far. Part of that was because the herd moved
15 east much earlier than anticipated in past years and they
16 got out of range of where most people can do the hunting on
17 Federal lands. Looking at even past years, the harvest is
18 usually, you know, ranged -- you know, some years -- there
19 on page 31, about the third paragraph down, we talk about
20 the different years and what was harvested in it. At the
21 very peak it was at 647, but that was a rarity, most years
22 it's in the range of 200, 164, you know, 189. I mean,
23 we're talking, usually 200 or less animals harvested under
24 the Federal hunt. So we're talking a very insignificant
25 number of animals, basically, with the Federal season.

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27 So, given that, and given the biology of what's
28 going on, it was hard for us to justify limiting the sea --
29 well, there's several things they're asking all at one
30 time. One was to limit the bag limit and the other was to
31 reduce the seasons.

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33 Let's deal with the bag limit first. On the bag
34 limit what the staff is recommending, at this time, is to
35 go -- on the Federal hunt is to go from two caribou down to
36 one bull per person. And the reason there is we do feel
37 that the biology does warrant protecting cows at this time.
38 Because of the low calf recruitment every cow counts, every
39 cow is needed, at this point, to keep this population
40 viable and so the concern -- and that was the one thing
41 expressed by -- when I talked to the State, they said, boy,
42 if you don't do anything else, eliminate the cow harvest,
43 if at all possible. That was one thing they were pretty
44 strong about. So we are recommending to eliminate the cow
45 harvest and go from two caribou down to one bull per
46 Federal registration permit.

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48 But as far as the seasons go, we didn't feel a need
49 to reduce the seasons, as requested. Looking at the

50 history of the harvest a good chunk of the harvest occurs

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1 in the winter, and cutting out that winter season would
2 definitely adversely impact subsistence harvesters. And we
3 couldn't see any justification for it. The issue about
4 snowmachines is a law enforcement issue. If people are
5 using snowmachines to run down caribou then it's an
6 enforcement issue, it's not an issue for us to be dealing
7 with. So we didn't see any need to reduce -- to eliminate
8 that winter season. We did recommend limiting 10 days,
9 September 20th through 30th, and that was just so that our
10 seasons would line up with the State season. And we didn't
11 feel like that 10-day gap would be anything significant as
12 far as subsistence users. And the fact that if we go to a
13 bull only hunt, September 20 to September 30 is usually
14 when most of the animals are in rut and most subsistence
15 hunters aren't going to be looking for rutted bulls anyway,
16 so we didn't think that it would be any big impact to
17 eliminate those 10 days.

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19 So the bottom line was -- the staff recommendations
20 were to make the harvest one bull by Federal registration
21 permit with the seasons being August 10 through September
22 20th and then the winter season the same as it was before,
23 October 21st through March 31st.

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25 And then the only other thing we added was to put a
26 400 bull cap in there. But, as I mentioned, in most years
27 we're lucky if the Federal harvest takes 200 animals, so
28 putting a 400 bull cap is kind of -- I mean, it makes
29 everybody happy but it probably won't impact subsistence
30 hunters. And this will put a lot of pressure on BLM to be
31 out there and keeping tabs on how many animals are being
32 taken. Because the one danger in this when we put a cap is
33 if the animals happen to hang out by the road system on BLM
34 lands for any length of time, a large number of animals
35 could be taken very quickly. And it will put a little
36 pressure on BLM to monitor the situation, so that we could
37 close the season when we get around the 400 bull cap.

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39 The State, at this time, is considering severely
40 restricting the Tier II hunt for this coming year, but they
41 aren't going to make that decision until June when they do
42 their next surveys. After the calves have dropped they're
43 going to be doing a series of aerial surveys. It makes it
44 tough for us because that's after the Federal Board meets,
45 so we have to come up with some sort of a recommendation
46 before that. They did -- in talking to Bob Tobey, though,
47 he felt that if we stuck with the 400 bull cap, that the
48 State could support that, even if they put restrictions on
49 the Tier II, because he felt that the 400 bull cap was such

50 an insignificant amount relative to what they would talking

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1 about on the State end that they felt that they could still
2 go along with that, unless the went out and counted -- you
3 know, has some really nightmarishly severe reduction in
4 animals. Other than that severe circumstance they felt
5 that they could support us if we stuck with these
6 limitations. Which really aren't -- I didn't feel like we
7 were really limiting our subsistence users that much
8 relative to what the current harvest is or what our records
9 are for the current harvest.

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11 So that's where we're at right now and we're kind
12 of in a tough spot because we aren't going to get new
13 numbers until June, as far as the population. So we're
14 kind of playing guessing game of what will work. The
15 bottom line is whatever we come up with we may have to go
16 back to the table in June and talk about it again.

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18 That kind of concludes my report.

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20 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Any questions for Donna?

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22 MR. ELVSAAS: Yes.

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24 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Fred.

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26 MR. ELVSAAS: Thank you. In an ordinary
27 season, like the past season or the season before.....

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29 MS. DEWHURST: Uh-huh.

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31 MR. ELVSAAS:what is the ratio of
32 cows:bulls take?

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34 MS. DEWHURST: Pretty even.

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36 MR. ELVSAAS: Pretty even.

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38 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah. It was when I looked
39 back at that it's -- you know, I mean, it varied a little
40 bit, but it was about half and half. There were quite a
41 bit -- quite a few cows were being taken.

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43 MR. ELVSAAS: So if you're talking 160
44 animals taken, you've taken roughly 80 cows?

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46 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah. So that would be one
47 -- you know, it would put -- the hunter would have to look
48 for bulls, I mean that would be one thing that would be a
49 restriction on the hunter is that they would have to limit

50 themselves to bulls. But the concern was with this calf

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1 recruitment being so low that every cow counts at this
2 point if we want to keep this population stable and from
3 declining anymore.

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5 MR. ELVSAAS: But, in turn, even though the
6 population may be crashing, if they took 160 bulls it would
7 not adversely affect the herd as much.

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9 MS. DEWHURST: The impact would be much
10 less on the herd biologically.

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12 MR. ELVSAAS: Thank you.

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14 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Donna, have you considered
15 the fact that -- I'll play devil's advocate here, but let's
16 just take that 160 number and say 80 of them are cows, 80
17 of them are bulls.....

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19 MS. DEWHURST: Uh-huh.

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21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE:But in most cases
22 those are taken randomly without any thought ahead of time
23 of whether they're a cow or a bull. And a fair portions of
24 those bulls wouldn't show up as bulls if you were looking
25 to see if they were a bull or not a bull. In other words,
26 we're talking calves, yearlings, small bulls. If you're
27 taking 160 animals now with an any caribou, don't think
28 first season, you're not going to -- even if your ratio
29 today is half and half, you're not going to maintain that
30 ratio once you go to bulls only.

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32 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah, I agree with you. Are
33 you making the point that some cows will probably still be
34 killed?

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36 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No, no, no, what I'm
37 making a point is that -- let's just say that -- let's say
38 subsistence takes 200 caribou right now.....

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40 MS. DEWHURST: Uh-huh.

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42 CHAIRMAN LOHSE:and 100 of them are
43 cows and 100 of them are bulls. You can't take for granted
44 that if we go to a bulls only system we're going to take
45 100 bulls. Because the reason the 100 bulls were taken
46 last year or, you know, on a year that it's 50/50 is
47 because it was random shooting, you shot first and didn't
48 worry about checking until after you had taken the animal.
49 Once you start having to check to take the animal, the

50 percentage of -- you're not going to take as many animals.

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1 MS. DEWHURST: Are you concerned the
2 success will go down?

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4 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: The success rate is going
5 to go down, not 50 percent. I mean you're not going to
6 drop from 200 to 100, you're going to drop from 200 to 60
7 or something on that order, simply because some of those
8 bulls weren't recognizable as bulls, I mean, they were just
9 -- they just turned out to be bulls.

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11 MS. DEWHURST: Right.

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13 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And the other thing is the
14 fact that if you're going to have to take the time to
15 decide whether it's a bull or a cow, a high proportion of
16 them are going to be out of range. And know how the hunt
17 is done up there, so from that standpoint you could say
18 that by putting that restriction on -- even if you've been
19 taking 50/50 in the past you've cut the take down more than
20 50 percent. I'm not saying that you shouldn't, but I'm
21 just saying, but I'm just saying that that's going to be
22 one of the results of it.

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24 The other thing is that I was noticing that the
25 bulls are below the guidelines. It says we had 21
26 bulls:100 cows last year, 30 bulls:100 cows this year,
27 which is below the 40 bulls that you want.

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29 MS. DEWHURST: But there again the State
30 didn't feel like the amount we were taking would affect
31 that ratio.

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33 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That's 60 bulls out of the
34 9,000 bulls wouldn't be much of an affect.

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36 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah, isn't going to --
37 right. So that was a concern there.

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39 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And I had one other
40 question, too, and that is, in cutting the bag limit from
41 two to one, what percentage of subsistence hunters
42 currently take two? You know, it's kind of like a lot of
43 times we cut the bag limit.....

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45 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah.

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47 CHAIRMAN LOHSE:but we really don't
48 affect the overall take.

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MS. DEWHURST: I don't have those numbers

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1 right in front of me. We did scan them and I didn't --
2 from what I remember looking at them, not that many
3 actually took two. The one thing we did see was multiple
4 permits within families. You'd have the same last name and
5 you have a father and four sons and wife and mother-in-law,
6 whatever, all had permits. And, in some cases, every
7 single -- you know, I'm sure they're probably all hunting
8 together and every single person in that group got
9 caribou.....

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11 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Got caribou.

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13 MS. DEWHURST:where other people
14 didn't. There was some interest expressed in that from
15 cutting from two to one that it might spread the harvest
16 out. In those cases each family member could only get one
17 a piece versus two a piece and it might spread the harvest
18 out to a broader group. But that was one thing mentioned
19 to me was the idea from going from two to one.

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21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah, I kind of doubt if
22 it'll spread it out, I kind of think it'll just cut the
23 harvest because the reason that the other people didn't
24 have any was because they didn't get any and the fact that
25 somebody else doesn't shoot one doesn't mean that they'll
26 have to opportunity to get one, so -- but I think it will,
27 like you say, in group hunting like that if they happen to
28 be lucky enough to be where the caribou are and they each
29 take two, but I just was under the impression the
30 percentage of people that took two was low enough that to
31 cut it from a bag limit of two to a bag limit of one wasn't
32 a very big reduction in caribou.

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34 George first and then Ida. Oh, then.....

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36 MS. DEWHURST: I -- yeah, I had wanted to
37 answer.....

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39 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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41 MS. DEWHURST:one of the comments you
42 made before.

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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46 MS. DEWHURST: The success rate comment.
47 The only experience that I have is on the Alaska Peninsula,
48 but we had a similar situation with the Northern Alaska
49 Peninsula Herd and you might be familiar with that, where

50 they've gone through some declines and they went from --

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1 boy, I think at one point I think you could get four
2 caribou down to two caribou, down to one bull and what they
3 did find was success rates didn't decline significantly,
4 there wasn't -- people were able to take the time and find
5 the bulls. But they didn't see -- that was one thing that
6 they were looking at, and that was a comment made down
7 there about if you go to one bull our success rate is going
8 to go way down, but I don't know if people just put more
9 effort into it or what, but we didn't see a decline in
10 success rate down there.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: You saw a decline in
13 overall take, but not in success rate per hunter.

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15 MS. DEWHURST: Right.

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17 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: George.

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19 MR. SHERROD: I was going to add that even
20 though the Eastern Interior opted not to deal with this
21 proposal, but to defer to this Council, that I know that
22 Nat Good personally has participated in that hunt and he
23 might be able to answer some of your questions.

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25 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: All right.

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27 MR. WATERS: Last year there was 117
28 bulls.....

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30 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Can you give your name
31 for.....

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33 REPORTER: And come up to the chair,
34 please, Elijah.

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36 MR. WATERS: Elijah Waters, BLM. Last year
37 there was 117 people that took two caribou.

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39 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Oh, okay, out of -- 117
40 took two?

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42 MR. WATERS: Took two and I'm not sure what
43 the harvest is right off of my head, but I think it's
44 around 400 last year. Four hundred harvest and 117 people
45 took two, so that would be.....

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47 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So over 50.....

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49 MS. DEWHURST: No, it's 164 taken -- well,

50 is that '97-98 or '98-99?

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1 MR. WATERS: That's '98-99.

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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5 MS. DEWHURST: '98-99 was 418, so.....

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7 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So over 50 percent of the
8 caribou were taken with two.

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10 MS. DEWHURST: Were taken by doubles -- as
11 doubles.

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13 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah. Nat, would you like
14 to make a comment on something on this or share some of
15 your insights and information on it?

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17 MR. GOOD: I could probably go on for
18 hours, but I won't.

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20 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I know you can.

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22 MR. GOOD: And I think Gilbert is aware of
23 the fact that there is a little -- we weren't clear,
24 apparently, in our recommendation. Our recommendation was
25 to defer this to next year, leaving that we needed further
26 information on this one. And Gilbert is aware of the fact
27 that we had discussed that prior to this, so he can
28 authenticate that. We were concerned that we might be
29 acting altogether too quickly. The Board of Game is
30 meeting right now, won't complete their meeting until long
31 after you're gone from here. Right now the herd happens to
32 be in Fortymile country up in Eastern Interior and what
33 it's facing right now is heavy wolf predation that's going
34 to far, far more than human hunters could possibly do. The
35 herd is being chased by wolves, caribou are being killed,
36 of course, there's going to be calf loss as a result of the
37 fact they can't survive the winter. I thought there were
38 excellent comments made up here that run right along the
39 lines. We were concerned about the serious drop in hunter
40 success here if you go to one bull.

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42 And there's another aspect, too. And I'm not
43 saying -- I think we need more information before we do
44 anything quite so drastic. The reason that it came up, the
45 question was, oh, okay, so we make it one bull. If a
46 person inadvertently shoots the wrong sex, will he be
47 prosecuted under Federal or State? And we didn't have a
48 good answer for that, we really didn't like the idea of
49 making criminals out of anybody, because to us this is a

50 subsistence hunt, the people are supposed to be out there

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1 getting meat, and the most important thing is that they put
2 meat in their freezer. I'm assuming that if they become
3 criminals the meat will be taken away from them, they will
4 no longer have the subsistence food. There were just too
5 many questions on it and we felt that it would be wise to
6 defer this one until next year when we had a few more
7 answers, when we knew what the Board of Game action would
8 be.

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10 The Board of Game is meeting now and dealing with
11 this problem. They won't meet this next year on this
12 issue. If they do not -- if they fail to make the
13 restrictions that we talked about, we will have them, but
14 the State won't.

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16 So I'll let it go at that.

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18 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: One question, Nat. The
19 idea that it was make criminals, did you do any talking
20 about just lowering the bag limit to one instead of two,
21 but make it any sex?

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23 MR. GOOD: Well, you know, we really go
24 into this and we really didn't know about either, whether
25 that was necessary or not, we got to where the Fortymile
26 herd, which is currently where the Nelchinas are right now,
27 had been down as low as 22,000 and the State -- well, even
28 below that, but it had gotten as high as 22,000 and the
29 State still harvested 450 there. And we looked at
30 subsistence as having a priority. We looked at this as the
31 subsistence hunt not taking anywhere -- even at 31,000
32 there would be no comparison. We weren't convinced that
33 there wasn't a reason to do anything yet at this point.
34 We'd like to see more facts and more data on this.

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36 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Any questions for
37 Nat?

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39 MS. DEWHURST: I got a clarification.

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41 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Donna.

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43 MS. DEWHURST: The only information I have
44 from the State was from Steve Machida who should be in
45 sometime today, I guess. I talked to him yesterday on the
46 phone about this issue and what he told me was the Board
47 would not be taking Nelchina caribou up at this meeting and
48 that they would be deciding -- I don't know if they're
49 going to have a separate meeting or what, but they would be

50 deciding after the June surveys, they would not be doing

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1 any -- taking any action on Nelchina caribou until after
2 June. So I don't know if that means a special session or
3 what, but that's what Steve had told me.

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5 MR. GOOD: And that's our concern, you
6 know, we don't want to act first.

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8 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Thank you, Nat.

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10 I was kind of out of order on how I was getting
11 people up here, so I had Helga -- I mean Ida had her hand
12 up before.

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14 MS. HILDEBRAND: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, I
15 just had my hand up to signal you that people back here
16 were raising their hands and there's a gentleman here who
17 would like to address that last comment.

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19 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right and it's for Alaska
20 Department of Fish and Game and should have been up here
21 before Nat, but sorry.

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23 MR. TAUBE: Tom Taube with Alaska
24 Department of Fish and Game. I'm the fish biologist out of
25 Glennallen, but working with Bob Tobey, you know, I gained
26 some of the information. The State doesn't need a Board
27 action to reduce the number of permits that they issue for
28 the Nelchina hunt, that's based upon the surveys and then
29 Bob sets the number of permits, you know, with discussion
30 with Steve, that they reduce it, so there wouldn't be no
31 need for any Board of Game action.

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33 MS. DEWHURST: Oh.

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35 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Uh-huh.

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37 MS. DEWHURST: So that must have been what
38 Steve meant by that they'll decide after June.

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40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Uh-huh. Okay. Is there
41 any other Alaska Department of Fish and Game comments?

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43 MR. FALL: Thanks, Mr. Chair, I'm
44 continuing my pinch hitting role here. I'm just going to
45 point out that the comments which are on page 33 in your
46 book that the Department's comments are consistent with the
47 staff recommendation for this. We do propose aligning the
48 seasons. We support the proposed bag limit reduction. And
49 contrary to the proposal itself, we do recommend the

50 retention of the winter season, we recognize the importance

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1 of that. And that's also consisted with your staff
2 recommendation.

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4 I think that's all we had.

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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Okay, we've heard
7 from Nat Good. Fish and Game Advisory comments; are there
8 any?

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10 (No audible responses)

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Summary of written public
13 comments. Helga.

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15 MS. EAKON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Steve
16 Bak of Delta Junction opposes this because he said many
17 people rely on the herd as an important winter food source.
18 He also says they don't use 4-wheelers or snowmachines for
19 hunting and suggests an alternative would be to restrict
20 off road vehicles to designated trails except for packing
21 purposes, consider the elderly.

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23 Peter Johnson of Bureau of Land Management support
24 Proposal 13, concurring with the need for changes suggested
25 by the Paxson Fish and Game Advisory Committee. He
26 believes it's a mistake to increase the number of Federal
27 caribou permits issued. He thinks that reducing the
28 harvest to one caribou is the appropriate remedy. With the
29 addition of Delta hunters and increases in proxy hunting,
30 the small area where Federal hunting takes place often
31 receives far more hunting pressure, congestion and
32 potential for accidental shootings than the area can
33 sustain.

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35 And we did receive a comment of support from the
36 Paxson Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

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38 Tok Cutoff-Nebesna Road Advisory Committee opposes
39 this and would prefer to amend so that the season dates
40 mirror the State Tier II season instead of eliminating the
41 October 21 through March 31 hunt. They suggest a change to
42 one caribou instead of two, saying that do not penalize the
43 legal hunters for the actions of illegal hunters "chasers".

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45 Allen G. Avinger of Delta Junction also opposes.
46 He opposes the August 25 to September season because he
47 says they need that later season. This will hurt the
48 hunters who do not use 4-wheelers or snowmachines for
49 hunting.

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1 Denali Subsistence Resource Commission supports
2 with modification to keep the current winter season and
3 current harvest limit of two bulls, but would put a cap of
4 600 animals on the total harvest allowed the unit.

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6 Wrangell-St. Elias Subsistence Resource Commission
7 opposes this proposal.

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9 And that concludes the written public comments,
10 Mr. Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, muchly. So if
13 I want to summarize those, it sounds like we have -- wait
14 just a second. We have written comments that agree,
15 oppose, support and propose all kinds of modifications, so
16 there is no general consensus.

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18 Public testimony. I saw a hand up in the back.

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20 MS. EWAN: Hi, my name is Faye Ewan, I'm
21 from the Native Village of Klute-Kaah, I represent my
22 tribe, but this is my personal opinion on this caribou
23 hunting. I know in my tradition that we don't eat bull
24 caribou in the fall, but we eat cow caribou. And I know
25 that in my area a lot of us didn't get no caribou even
26 though we had this Federal permit and the Tier II permits.
27 The caribou was not around the range where they had the
28 open season and the caribou migrated over to where the
29 closed season was and there was no way that a lot of our
30 people that are unfortunately -- no fortunate to have a
31 3-wheeler or a snowmachine or a access to this back woods
32 country, horses and everything, we used to use the highway
33 system. And with the impact of all the hunters that come
34 from the cities and other place, they impact our
35 traditional hunting ground and we cannot [sic] longer go to
36 those countries because there such a -- motorhomes and
37 4-wheelers, whatever, a lot of people out there, it's like
38 a combat field.

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40 But anyways my opinion, and on this year I support
41 the reduction in the caribou, but I do support the local
42 and the rural preference only, unless they have enough
43 caribou to supply the other people in the city, because
44 most of the meat goes to the city. And I know for myself
45 because I hunt from August 1st until September 30th, I say
46 up on the Denali by the Paxson area, wherever we go to
47 gather our food and I live off the land myself.

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49 Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you. Are there any
2 other -- Eleanor.

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4 MS. DEMENTI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
5 Copper River Native Association does not support closing
6 the caribou season in Unit 13. Keep the hunting season as
7 status quo. A shorten fall hunting season and doing away
8 with the winter hunt will adversely impact the subsistence
9 users in Unit 13.

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11 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you. Any questions?

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13 (No audible responses)

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15 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you. Okay. I
16 should of had us put a motion on the table to start off
17 with, too. We're suppose to put a motion on the table to
18 support this proposal before we have discussion on it. Do
19 I hear anybody so move so that we can discuss it and amend
20 it or turn it down or whatever?

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22 MS. SWAN: So moved.

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24 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's been moved, do I hear
25 a second?

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27 MR. VLASOFF: Second.

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29 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's been moved and
30 seconded to support Proposal 13. Okay, discussion.
31 Somebody start it off.

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33 MR. DEMENTI: Gilbert Dementi, I like that
34 proposal by Denali Commission, keep two caribou and I think
35 they said cap it at 600, because I think there was only 641
36 taken this year. And I like their proposal, if we could
37 amend it to that.

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39 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. You would make a
40 proposal to amend it to keep the current.....

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42 MR. DEMENTI: Two caribou.

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE:keep the current two
45 caribou and keep the current hunting season, would you drop
46 the 20th to the 30th of September or would you just keep it
47 as it is?

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49 MR. DEMENTI: Keep as is.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. So your proposal
2 would be to amend -- well, actually your proposal would be
3 just to leave it as is.

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5 MR. DEMENTI: Leave as it is.

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7 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. In other words, we
8 would vote down this proposal and leave it as it is. Okay,
9 you don't need to make an amendment in that case.

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11 MR. DEMENTI: Oh, okay. All right.

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13 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: What you support,
14 basically, is the current hunting season and the current
15 bag limit.

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17 MR. DEMENTI: Right.

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19 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Anybody else?

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21 MR. ELVSAAS: Mr. Chairman, I realize the
22 herd is in trouble, but not that great and I don't see the
23 staff recommendation really pushing gloom and doom here,
24 you know, and looking at the needs as we just heard
25 testimony there's need for the cows in the fall season and
26 bulls in the winter season. My recommendation is that we
27 vote no on the proposal.

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29 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Anybody else have any
30 comments on it?

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32 (No audible responses)

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34 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I guess my recommendation
35 would be, basically, that we defer action, vote no, or
36 whatever you want to call it and wait for further
37 information. What I got out of all of this is that that
38 herd has been a roller coaster since the beginning and I
39 don't know if we understand enough that we can actually say
40 if we do this, it's going to increase, or if we do this,
41 it's going to decrease, because somehow or another its
42 increased and decreased in the past at a faster rate than
43 human beings could respond to it or cause it.

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45 MS. SWAN: Mr. Chairman.

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47 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And like Nat was saying,
48 right now if there up where the wolves are getting them, I
49 mean, this herd could be knocked down a long way over the

50 course of the winter. But when things are going good for

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1 this herd, this herd also seems to rebound at an extremely
2 fast rate. I mean it looks to me like this herd has been
3 extremely and extremely high and it happens in, you know, a
4 comparatively short time. I'm kind of like Nat that way, I
5 don't think that the amount of caribou taken there is
6 probably what's driving this herd down or up.

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8 And then I look at the number of years that had low
9 take. I know it's strictly dependent on the whether
10 they're alongside the road or not. And I know the last two
11 years I've been up there a number of times and I didn't see
12 very many hunters up there. I didn't see a caribou either,
13 so I mean -- I would like to cap it -- if I would do
14 anything I would cap it, and I don't know where I would cap
15 it, probably I would cap at 400 and let it go at that.
16 But, at this point in time, I think I'm kind of with Nat --
17 Eastern Interior, that we should maybe wait a year and see
18 what happens.

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20 Clare, I'm sorry I interrupted you.

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22 MS. SWAN: Yeah, I just had a comment that
23 I was looking. With the information I think that I would
24 be in favor of capping it if we did anything, but my
25 question is, if we vote no, will that keep the status quo,
26 will that keep it the same?

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28 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: If we vote it down it
29 stays the same as it was.

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31 MS. SWAN: Okay.

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33 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: We can either vote no or
34 we can vote to defer it. So with that, if there's no other
35 discussion, the question's in order.

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37 MR. DEMENTI: Question.

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39 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. All in favor of
40 this proposal, as written, signify by saying aye.

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42 (No in favor responses)

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: All opposed signify by
45 saying nay.

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47 IN UNISON: Nay.

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49 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Motion fails. Okay. And

50 doesn't mean we don't think you did a good job on it,

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1 Donna, it just means that it doesn't go anywhere.

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3 Okay, we skipped Number 14 and we're going to
4 Number 15. George, can you the tell us the page before you
5 start?

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7 MR. SHERROD: I though we were skipping
8 that one, too.

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10 MS. DEWHURST: We were skipping 15, too.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Oh, are we skipping 15?
13 I'm sorry, I better take a look at it and see what I wrote
14 down at the end.

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16 MR. SHERROD: 15 is individual C&T.

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18 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yes.

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20 MR. SHERROD: I do think that Frank or Sue
21 or the Simons are going to be here to testify.

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23 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, they are going to be
24 here to testify?

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26 MR. SHERROD: That was my understanding
27 from phone conversation.

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29 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Well, then with the
30 consensus of the Council we will put 15 along with 14, 15,
31 16, 17, 18, 19 and 21 at the back of the list. That means
32 we'll get to them when we get there.

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34 We are going to have lunch. I don't think -- maybe
35 -- I know we got some public testimony out here on Proposal
36 20, maybe they would like to testify on that prior to us
37 going to lunch and then -- or maybe what we can do is have
38 a run-down on 20 prior to going to lunch, then we'll break
39 for lunch, come back for out testimony and everything on
40 it. So let's go to 20, which is request the elimination of
41 proof of sex requirement for moose in Units 11 and 12.

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43 And give us the page number.

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45 MS. DEWHURST: Page 122, Tab T.

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47 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: 122. Thank you.

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49 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah, I think I can keep

50 this short since you folks have been discussing this for a

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1 couple of years now. Everybody's favorite proposal.

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3 First of all, we did take this to all the Councils
4 last fall and I believe that's -- that was included, wasn't
5 it, Helga, in their packet?

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7 MS. EAKON: I do not know.

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9 MS. DEWHURST: I don't know if it's in here
10 or not. There was a summary, I thought it was included,
11 but I don't see it, someplace, I think, in the book. But
12 anyway, we did go to all the Councils, get their input and
13 the consensus is we looked at the overall is that they did
14 not feel it should be a statewide issue. So then that,
15 basically, put the ball back in your court and it -- we are
16 not taking it up as a statewide issue but it is still an
17 active Southcentral issue at this time. So, basically,
18 we're not -- don't worry about trying to consider this as a
19 statewide thing, it's back to the regions -- or the Units
20 11 and 13, which is what was originally proposed.

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22 Now, it still does have implications because it
23 could be precedent setting, what you folks decide could be
24 potentially treading new ground if changes do resolve. So
25 it still may have statewide implications, but we aren't
26 making a statewide decision at this time, to clarify that.

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28 There hasn't been a lot of new information since we
29 last talked about this last fall. The issue is whether or
30 not we keep the external sex organs attached as a
31 requirement as proof of sex. Primarily the concern is for
32 bulls only hunts and we're talking moose in Units 11 and
33 13.

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35 Enforcement -- well, primarily the State has done a
36 lot of talking to me about their concerns that we keep this
37 in as it's vital for State enforcement. It's gone back and
38 forth. What our final recommendation on this, after
39 reviewing the testimony from the fall meeting from this
40 Council we kind of were trying to come up with a
41 compromise. And what the compromise we came up with, and
42 when I say we, meaning the Office of Subsistence Management
43 staff, was to offer the option of either the external sex
44 organs attached, and we are still keeping the attachment
45 requirement or they could bring out the head. And when we
46 say the head, the antlers don't have to still be attached,
47 you can cut the antler's off. So the head would be the
48 second option offered.

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Under the testimony that we heard last fall, it's

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1 common practice in Southcentral to bring the head out
2 anyway. And the head is perfectly good proof of sex. And
3 the odds of somebody trying to use the head -- bring the
4 head back out with a moose carcass and reuse it we thought
5 were pretty slim, given the weight of the moose head and
6 the fact that moose heads go bad pretty quick. We didn't
7 think there was going to be too many people that are going
8 to be carting a moose head around and then using it for
9 multiple carcasses, it didn't seem very likely.

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11 So we felt that we could support, at this time, the
12 option of the external sex organs attached or the head.
13 And that was our next best offering as far as some sort of
14 middle ground to try to -- I don't think we're ever going
15 to keep everybody happy on this one, we're just trying to
16 find some sort of a middle ground that people can live with
17 at this point.

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19 Anyway, that concludes the staff analysis.

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21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. I see that we have
22 somebody here that would like to testify.....

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24 MS. EAKON: Ahh.....

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26 CHAIRMAN LOHSE:so maybe we could
27 have our testifying and then go to lunch.

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29 Helga, what were you going to say?

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31 MS. EAKON: Gloria Stickwan is standing by
32 for us to phone her.

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34 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: She is on the phone?

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36 MS. EAKON: Yes, we have her correct cell
37 number.

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39 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Shall we.....

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41 MS. EAKON: Want me to dial her?

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43 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Huh? We will need to dial
44 her?

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46 MS. EAKON: Yeah.

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48 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Is she standing by
49 right now?

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1 MS. EAKON: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Maybe we should do
4 that before we go to lunch, I think.

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6 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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8 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And I also would like to
9 allow Mr. Ewan to have an opportunity to testify before
10 lunch, too, if that's okay.

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12 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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14 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Should we do Gloria first?

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16 MS. EAKON: Yes, because she.....

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18 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Because she's standing by?

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20 MS. EAKON: Yeah.

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22 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. We're going to do
23 Gloria Stickwan, first, on the phone and then you, okay?
24 He can probably stay there.

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26 (Off record comments - getting Gloria Stickwan on
27 telephone)

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29 MS. STICKWAN: Hello.

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31 MR. BERG: Hi, Gloria, this is Jerry Berg,
32 we have you on a live speak here at the Southcentral
33 Council meeting.

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35 MS. STICKWAN: Hello.

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37 MR. BERG: Okay, I'll go ahead and turn it
38 back over to the Chair, Ralph Lohse.

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40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Hi, Gloria.

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42 MS. STICKWAN: Hello.

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I understand you'd like to
45 testify on some proposals. Would you like to do that over
46 the phone for us right now?

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48 MS. STICKWAN: Yes.

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CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Just have it. List

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1 the proposal that you're speaking to and your comments on
2 them and I'll tell you if it's not loud enough that we can
3 hear it.

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5 MS. STICKWAN: Hello, this is Gloria
6 Stickwan, Copper River Native Association. I wanted to
7 speak to Proposal 19 and 21.

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9 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Peter, you can stay there,
10 she'll be done shortly.

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12 MS. STICKWAN: Copper River Native
13 Association is asking for an amendment to the proposal,
14 asking that the amendment be south of the Chitina River
15 with individual 13.44 permits. We'd like to have that
16 amendment. This was also agreed to by Tom Carpenter at the
17 last meeting that we attended in Anchorage in October.

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19 I also want to state that I noticed in the proposal
20 booklet that there was at the very end comments -- a report
21 written on the personal users being categorized as
22 subsistence users by the Alaska Board of Fisheries. We,
23 CRNA, opposes that -- we it comes time for that proposal we
24 would like the proposal to have them get back to personal
25 users or we want to let you know that we oppose that action
26 that was done by the Board of Fisheries.

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28 And I don't know if Eleanor Dementi made public
29 comments on the proposals.

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31 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Eleanor has been
32 commenting on the proposals with what you wrote down,
33 Gloria.

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35 MS. STICKWAN: I just wanted to maybe talk
36 about Proposal 19 and 21 and that was it. Just asking for
37 amendment to the proposal. That's about it.

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39 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Gloria, can I ask you to
40 clarify something?

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42 MS. STICKWAN: Yes.

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: The amendment to the
45 proposal was to limit it to those with 16.44 [sic] permits?

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47 MS. SWAN: 13.

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49 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: 13? The 13.44?

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1 MS. STICKWAN: Yes.

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And did you limit the
4 area, did you change the requested area at all?

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6 MS. STICKWAN: Hello.

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8 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yep, you're there.

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10 MS. STICKWAN: Hello.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Can you copy? Gloria?

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14 MS. STICKWAN: Yes.

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16 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Can you hear us?

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18 MS. STICKWAN: Yes.

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20 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Did you hear my question?

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22 MS. STICKWAN: Yes. We're proposing to
23 having individualized 13.44 permits south of Chitina River.

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25 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, south of Chitina
26 River.

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28 MS. STICKWAN: And individualized C&T 13.44
29 permits.

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31 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. And it was south of
32 the Chitina River?

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34 MS. STICKWAN: Yes. This was agreed to by
35 Tom Carpenter.

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37 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Do you have
38 anything else that you want to share with us?

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40 MS. STICKWAN: Just that we'll be writing
41 something on that as opposition to the personal users being
42 classified as subsistence users by the Alaska Board of
43 Fisheries. The Ahtna people are opposed to that action
44 that was taken.

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46 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. We have that. Do
47 you have anything else you would like to share?

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49 MS. STICKWAN: No.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you for being
2 patient with us and all of the tries at getting hooked up
3 with you. And with that we'll let you go then.

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5 MS. STICKWAN: Okay, bye.

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7 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. And at this point
8 in time it's lunchtime, but I'd like to let Mr. Ewan
9 testify.

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11 MR. P. EWAN: My name is Peter Ewan from
12 Copper Center. This is not the first time I want this
13 subsistence. I wanted state subsistence with Juneau,
14 Fairbanks. There goes the Federal subsistence once the
15 State took over. Only once -- and I just want to put in
16 what we want up there. What is wrong with us what the
17 people do from Stateside. They not from Alaska, they think
18 they're from Alaska, we Indians are from Alaska, we're all
19 Indian in Alaska, no matter where they are, up north, as
20 well Juneau, there's Indians in Nome, we're the Alaska
21 Indian.

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23 I mean, she's of Alaska, fish all her life. If
24 anybody Stateside ever asked us what we're going to do the
25 hunting season. We never heard it since the State
26 (indiscernible) State took everything from us, from our
27 tribe land, where our tribe has hunted miles away or
28 (indiscernible) they took everything over. We never go
29 into (indiscernible) because they're the boss of Alaska.

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31 I came down because I want to get something in on
32 the personal subsistence. I'd like to see personal
33 subsistence back in our Indian land. (Indiscernible) our
34 land claim land, they are in there hunting. But State of
35 Alaska brings these other states (indiscernible)
36 subsistence, they don't do anything, they don't do anything
37 right to game hunters and the hunting season. They kill
38 anything they want. You think State of Alaska watched
39 them? No. We watched them, what they shoot and what they
40 throw away. Once I see so many caribou right on the flat,
41 they just shooting just for sport. Sport hunting and sport
42 fishing.

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44 Why do you have sport fishers and sport hunters?
45 And the guides. Just for the money. Just cut the horn off
46 and there was a big moose out there, why they don't bring
47 it in for the people who needs it? That's State of Alaska.

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49 Now, I'm going to bring something else here. What

50 the Feds are trying to is to let hunting season in October,

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1 in wintertime most of the caribou they're not good eating.
2 We don't get them in the wintertime. When there used to be
3 no law or nothing around here we kill a caribou when they
4 get fat in March, not in the wintertime. Moose, we don't
5 bother in wintertime. We don't kill what we don't eat. We
6 just take what we need, that's what we used to do before
7 the Fish and Wildlife come in.

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9 Right now today the guys from Stateside they own
10 Alaska, they do anything they want to. Do State Fish and
11 Wildlife do anything? No, they don't do nothing about it.
12 I don't see anybody going to court for what they do wrong.
13 When they go to court they have \$100 fine and go and what
14 they do, what they (indiscernible). It's not right for us
15 Alaska Indian. We live with this -- this was our food,
16 from the water -- our subsistence from the water is fish
17 and the land is for moose and caribou. And we always --
18 years ago we for the woods and making cabins out of it.
19 Now today cities took everything, do they do anything for
20 us? No, nothing. They give it to Stateside, but
21 (indiscernible) for us.

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23 For myself I'd like to see Federal subsistence get
24 back in our village, our Indian village. We know we're
25 bringing lot of help from the Federal. They take care us
26 anyway when there's no State there, they can't take care of
27 us, there's like -- and when they come up (indiscernible)
28 by Copper River where I come from, they come up there and
29 say (indiscernible) I get \$80 check I get, they give
30 (indiscernible) we live by off the land, like now. We live
31 off the land, that was the time when I was young. Not like
32 now, just go to store buy bread and can of meat. That time
33 we worked hard for our living. But we didn't fail it,
34 we're glad to have it -- that hunt, a hundred miles from
35 Copper River, there's moose, caribou, nothing in Copper
36 River where were at the time. You got a long ways up to
37 the mountains to get moose and caribou.

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39 Today I see they want to change hunting to March
40 5th through 31 and October 21 to March 31. March -- all
41 the winter hunt, we don't need the long season, we don't --
42 us Indians we don't use the long season, we only go out
43 once in the fall. We'll get enough moose meat put away,
44 fish and meat. My daughter there, she's the hunter and
45 fisher. You put everything, enough fish and meat for
46 wintertime.

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48 And the snowmachine and 4-wheeler, I want to see
49 them completely stopped. They ruin the Alaska for us, not

50 for them, but for us. They ruin our hunting. I never see

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1 no moose or caribou on our roads anymore, nothing. We see
2 cow moose sometime. They kill the cow moose, too. They
3 kill anything they want State of Alaska and State Fish and
4 Wildlife they don't do anything about it. If Federal Fish
5 and Wildlife was out there they can find out what I'm
6 talking about now. That's what I came here for, to let the
7 Federal know what we want. I'd like to see a Federal
8 Subsistence back in our village, can protect us.

9
10 Thank you.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Mr. Ewan.

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14 Well, I think we were just getting ready to talk a
15 lunch break, but I think we have on other person that
16 wanted to testify and so we'll let -- is that Faye?

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18 MS. EWAN: Yes.

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20 MR. P. EWAN: You got questions?

21
22 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Thank you. Any
23 questions for.....

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25 (No audible responses)

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27 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No. And then after Faye
28 testifies we're going to take a break for lunch.

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30 MS. EWAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My
31 name is Faye Ewan, I'm from Native Village of Klute-Kaah, I
32 have this testimony from my Native Village Council, it's
33 the Native Village of Klute-Kaah, also known as Copper
34 Center Village. It says, Native Village of Klute-Kaah is
35 opposed to Proposal 19 and 21 that is requesting customary
36 and traditional use determination for the community of
37 Cordova, Alaska for Unit 11 moose and sheep for the
38 following reasons.

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40 The collections of 42 Natives in the community of
41 Cordova, Alaska does not justify determination for
42 customary and traditional use and sheep in Unit 11. The
43 trading that took place between the Eyaks and Ahtna, not
44 the community of Cordova, Alaska. The community of
45 Cordova, Alaska did not historically trade with Ahtna
46 Village, neither did the community hunt in Unit 11.

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48 To use an airplane to hunt, which should not be
49 considered a customary methods and means. The economy and

50 cost of utilizing an airplane to hunt, this is not

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1 customary and traditional. The cost to the subsistence
2 hunter using airplane is expensive and it is not a
3 traditional means of hunting. The consistent harvest and
4 use of fish and wildlife near and reasonably accessible to
5 the area, community of Cordova, Alaska is not met. The
6 community of Cordova, Alaska would have to travel up river
7 or fly to access sheep or moose in Unit 11.

8
9 The community of Cordova, Alaska took 14 sheep
10 between 1983 and 1997 south of the Sanford River in Unit
11 11. Fourteen sheep taken during a 14-year period does not
12 justify them to have a long-term consistent pattern of use
13 of sheep by Cordova, Alaska residents. A report by
14 Ms. Stratton noted that in 1985 a few Cordova hunters went
15 outside the area to hunt sheep and caribou. A few hunters
16 who left Cordova to hunt sheep and caribou does not justify
17 this community have customary and traditional use
18 determination in Unit 11. Two moose were taken in Unit 11
19 between 1983 and 1997, in a 14-year period, the community
20 took only two moose in Unit 11. This doesn't justify
21 customary and traditional use by Cordova, Alaska.

22
23 There is no specific information on uses of sheep
24 in Unit 6(C) available for the means handling, preparing,
25 preserving, storing fish or wildlife which has been
26 traditionally used by past generations. This statement
27 shows evidence that sheep in Unit 6 is not a customary and
28 traditional use subsistence resource.

29
30 I support an amendment to Proposal 19, 21 that
31 would read individual customary and traditional use are C&T
32 !3.44 permits to be issued south of Chitina River for sheep
33 and moose in Unit 11.

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35 Thank you, Chinaan (ph), for listening to me.

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37 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you. With that we
38 will go back to Proposal 20 when we come back. We're on
39 Proposal 20, which is on the attachment of sex organs on
40 moose in Unit 11 and 13. We're going to recess for lunch.
41 How much time? Things are a little bit more spread out
42 here, it's a little harder to get places and do things. Is
43 1:30 plenty of time?

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45 MS. SWAN: Yeah.

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47 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: We'll recess until 1:30.

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49 (Off record)

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1 (On record)

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: We'll call this meeting of
4 the Southcentral Subsistence Regional Advisory Council back
5 in session. We're on Proposal Number 20, the request to
6 eliminate the proof of sex requirement of moose in Units 11
7 and 12. I thought it was 11 and 13. In fact, I'm sure it
8 was 11 and 13.

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10 MR. SHERROD: It's 11 and 13.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. It's 11 and 13, on
13 page 128, right?

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15 MR. SHERROD: The analysis starts on 122.

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17 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: 122. Okay, let's just go
18 right into it. We should be -- introduction, we had that,
19 so what we need now is Alaska Department of Fish and Game
20 comments.

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22 MR. FALL: (Shakes head negative)

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24 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Nothing other than what's
25 written in the -- okay. Other agency comments or Eastern
26 Interior.

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28 MR. SHERROD: Nat.

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30 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: You can tell us what you
31 guys did and discussed.

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33 MR. GOOD: Again, this is a joint meeting
34 of Eastern and Western Interior, so what you have here --
35 Western Interior found this very, very interesting and got
36 very much involved with it, so I guess we would have to say
37 this is a joint effort by Eastern and Western Interior.
38 You'll notice that the members from Eastern started it with
39 a motion and people from Western came up with an amendment
40 to modify, but -- do they have copies of this?

41

42 MR. SHERROD: No.

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No.

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46 MR. GOOD: Well, this is our attempt at an
47 amendment here, and we did go -- we had a lot of Fish and
48 Game at our meeting and they did -- I suspect they'd be
49 here, too, except for the Board of Game meeting going on

50 right now, I think they're probably pretty busy there. But

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1 our amendment was if the subsistence taking of an ungulate,
2 except sheep, is restricted to one sex in the local area no
3 person may possess or transport the carcass of an animal
4 taken in that area unless sufficient portions of the
5 external sex organs remain attached to indicated conclusively
6 the sex of the animal, except in Units 11 and 13 where the
7 hunter may possess either sufficient portions of the
8 external sex organs still attached to a portion of the
9 carcass, the head with flesh attached, with or without
10 antlers attached, or with hoof attached to the quarters to
11 indicated the sex of the harvested moose.

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13 So there was quite a bit of interest in this one
14 and felt that there should be some way to -- as both
15 Councils were uncomfortable with the evidence of sex
16 requirement because of traditional harvest practices, they
17 felt there should be respect for the animal harvested and
18 they felt there should be a prevention of tainting meat
19 here. The thing is they came around to an alternate way of
20 doing it, so that if you felt comfortable using the sex
21 organs, that was fine, if you wanted to keep the head, and
22 they didn't care whether you had the horns with it or not,
23 attached to a portion of the carcass. And by flesh
24 attached, you know, it could be like a vertebrae or just
25 enough flesh there to show that it's not been completely
26 severed.

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28 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Uh-huh.

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30 MR. GOOD: And they also felt that there
31 was a way to tell the hooves of an animal.

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33 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah, I was going to
34 question you on that one. I was kind of taken by surprise
35 by the hooves. You say you had Fish and Game people in
36 attendance at the meeting?

37
38 MR. GOOD: Right.

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40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Did they feel like they
41 could tell from the hooves or.....

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43 MR. GOOD: There seemed to be kind of a
44 mixed message there, they thought maybe it might be
45 possible, but they felt that their enforcement people that
46 would be in the field, very few would be able to tell.

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48 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: What you're saying is the
49 biologists could tell, but the enforcement people couldn't.

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1 MR. GOOD: That's pretty close to it. And
2 they felt it was probably more important for the
3 enforcement people, but we passed this anyway.

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5 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: The general feeling that I
6 get from yours is that they felt that if you were going to
7 eliminate one proof of sex you should -- if it's necessary,
8 you should still require some proof.

9
10 MR. GOOD: Yeah, they felt if proof of sex
11 was mandatory here, then it must be something, at least,
12 that would be less offensive to the people -- to the
13 hunters that were involved.

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15 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Any questions for
16 Nat?

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18 MS. SWAN: Mr. Chairman, did they -- just
19 the option of keeping the moose head, which is always
20 harvested anyway, did anyone object to that? It just seems
21 to me another option you could -- since the other option is
22 so offensive, did they have any real problems with that?

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24 MR. GOOD: With having some proof?

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26 MS. SWAN: Just bringing the head.

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28 MR. GOOD: Oh, bringing the head. As long
29 as you have the head as an alternate then, you know, it
30 seemed to work out because they felt that, you know, most
31 of them would use the head anyway, you know.

32
33 MS. SWAN: Uh-huh.

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35 MR. GOOD: But they felt that there was
36 meat involved there, the head would come out anyway, but
37 they felt that some people might even want to cut the
38 antlers out and really didn't want to carry them together
39 with the head because it's an awfully heavy package,
40 especially with a large animal, that they might need to cut
41 them apart in order to bring them out. But they felt that
42 if they had this alternative, the head had to come out
43 anyway, if they're going to be able to utilize it and use
44 it for food, so this.....

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46 MS. SWAN: So that's acceptable then?

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48 MR. GOOD: That would be acceptable if they
49 could use the head. It makes sense to bring that home.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah, their proposal was
2 either the sex organs or the head or the hooves.

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4 MR. GOOD: Right, that was our amendment.

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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Any other question
7 for Nat?

8
9 (No audible responses)

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11 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Nat.

12
13 MR. GOOD: Yeah.

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15 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, Fish and Game
16 Advisory Committee comments; do we have any, Helga?

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18 MS. EAKON: Not that I'm aware of.

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20 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Do we have any written
21 comments?

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23 MS. EAKON: Yes. Peter Johnson, Bureau of
24 Land Management opposes. He feels that the regulation
25 applies to State hunters and does not cause meat spoilage
26 if done properly. Keeping the Federal regulation in line
27 with the State regulations is more important.

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29 I'm going to read the Alaska Department of Public
30 Safety Fish and Wildlife Protection comment in full
31 because, you know, they are the enforcement for the State
32 of Alaska. Opposed. The Division of Fish and Wildlife
33 Protection is strongly opposed to the removal of the
34 evidence of sex. We feel that this regulation is essential
35 for enforcement and we cannot support repealing or
36 substantially changing them. This requirement is in
37 current State regulation and has been since Alaska became a
38 state. The State regulation has withstood the test of time
39 and continues to be a very important enforcement tool that
40 is used to detect and defer illegal hunting activity that,
41 in many cases, can have an impact on ungulate populations.
42 All hunters have been bound by this legal requirement for
43 many years and have become accustomed to leaving the
44 evidence of sex naturally attached as a part of field
45 dressing a big game animal.

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47 The Wrangell-St. Elias Subsistence Resource
48 Commission supports as modified by staff.

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The Denali Subsistence Resource Commission took no

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1 action. The general consensus of the commission members
2 indicates that leaving the sex organs attached is not a
3 traditional harvest practice, but the requirement is not an
4 issue at Denali at this time.

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6 The Paxson Fish and Game Advisory Committee opposes
7 the proposal, saying that it could lead to abuses and some
8 confrontations with enforcement.

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10 And that concludes written public comments,
11 Mr. Chair.

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13 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Helga. Do we
14 have any public testimony? Eleanor.

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16 MS. DEMENTI: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
17 Support proposal submitted by CRNA with modification that
18 most of the antlers are carried out with the head from the
19 field.

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21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Eleanor, can I ask you a
22 question on that. With modifications -- what are the
23 modifications?

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25 MS. DEMENTI: That most of the antlers are
26 carried out with the head from the field.

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28 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. To bring the head
29 out?

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31 MS. DEMENTI: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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33 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. I noticed that Fish
34 and Game strongly opposed the removal of the evidence of
35 sex. I wonder if -- I'd like to see what they would think
36 of some alternatives, like have been proposed, from
37 Protection Division, whether they wouldn't think that they
38 would meet the purpose for which it was written.

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40 We need a motion on the floor to accept Proposal 20
41 so that we can discuss it.

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43 MS. SWAN: So moved.

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45 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's been moved to accept
46 Proposal 20; do I hear a second?

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48 MR. VLASOFF: Second.

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CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's been moved and

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1 seconded to accept Proposal 20. Discussion or amendments?
2 What is the wish of the rest of the Council?

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4 MR. ELVSAAS: Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Fred.

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8 MR. ELVSAAS: First I got to get a
9 clarification on making motions in this body. Do you have
10 to support the motion if you make it?

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No.

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14 MR. ELVSAAS: Okay.

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16 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No, you can make a motion
17 and vote against your own motion.

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19 MR. ELVSAAS: Okay. Now, as I understand
20 the staff's recommendation was to have the head or the sex
21 for -- but that's not in the proposal, right?

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23 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No, in other words.....

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25 MR. ELVSAAS: So we would need to amend
26 it.....

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28 CHAIRMAN LOHSE:if we were going to
29 add that, we would have to amend it.

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31 MR. ELVSAAS:if we followed that
32 recommendation.

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34 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right.

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36 MR. ELVSAAS: So that's one issue. Also
37 there was testimony about they would like the proposal to
38 be in effect south of the Chitina River.

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40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No, that was Proposal 19
41 and -- they mixed a couple of proposal in there.

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43 MR. ELVSAAS: Okay. That's where I was
44 getting lost.....

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46 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That was 19 and 21, yeah.

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48 MR. ELVSAAS:because we were talking
49 about a different issue.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right. But they talked
2 about Proposal 19 and 21 there.

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4 MR. ELVSAAS: Okay, at the same time.

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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yes.

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8 MR. ELVSAAS: So then what we need is
9 probably to make an amendment because it is my feeling that
10 the proposal is valid, I think it's a good one. I think
11 that people should have the choice of the head or the sex
12 organs. I know the bull moose feet are different than the
13 cow, but that -- there's different deformities and so forth
14 and you could really have a problem with enforcement,
15 especially if you looked to the feet as the sole source.

16 So with that, I would move to amend the motion to
17 state either the sex organs or the head is acceptable.

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19 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, there's a motion to
20 put an amendment on the table to amend this motion to
21 include the sex organs or the head. In other words, it
22 eliminates the requirement that portion of external sex
23 organs remain attached to the carcass, but that proof of
24 sex has to be left on by either leaving the sex organs or
25 the head.

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27 MR. ELVSAAS: That's right.

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29 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I think there is a -- I
30 was trying to look for it. I think somebody wrote up a --
31 maybe I was wrong, I thought somebody had written up a
32 possible -- oh, here, exist -- proposed regulation right
33 here. Let's take a look on page 120. Okay, there is the
34 proposal as its written, so we would have to amend it to
35 say if the subsistence taking of an ungulate, except moose
36 in 11 and 13 or sheep, is restricted to one sex in the
37 local area no person may possess or transport the carcass
38 of an animal taken in that area unless sufficient portions
39 of external sex organs remain attached to indicate
40 exclusively the sex of the animal or the severed head
41 accompanies.....

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43 MR. ELVSAAS: That would do it.

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45 CHAIRMAN LOHSE:the carcass. Does
46 that sound right?

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48 MS. SWAN: Uh-huh.

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MS. DEWHURST: You might check page 124,

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1 that one.....

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. I knew I saw one
4 someplace that was a sample that was written up and I just
5 could not find it. Okay. Except in Units 11 and 13 where
6 the hunter may possess either sufficient portions of the
7 external sex organs still attached to a portion of the
8 carcass or the head, with or without antlers attached, to
9 indicate the sex of the harvested moose.

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11 That's basically what you were trying to say there,
12 wasn't it?

13

14 MR. ELVSAAS: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

15

16 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Did we have a
17 second on that one?

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19 MS. SWAN: I will second that.

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21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. So we're offering
22 an amendment to correspond with what is written on page
23 124. That's actually staff recommendations, too. Any
24 other discussion?

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26 MR. ELVSAAS: Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yes.

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30 MR. ELVSAAS: Do you offer public comments
31 on amendments?

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33 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Do we offer the public the
34 opportunity to comment?

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36 MR. ELVSAAS: Right.

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38 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: We sure can.

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40 MR. ELVSAAS: Okay. I didn't know, I just
41 -- I didn't want you to have a second oversight.

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43 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I don't normally, but
44 actually if anybody wants to comment at any time we pretty
45 much allow them to comment.

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47 MR. ELVSAAS: Yes.

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49 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And at this point in time

50 if there's anybody that wishes to comment on that proposal

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1 as amended either that you see a severe difficulty with it
2 or something to that order, let us know.

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4 MR. DEMENTI: Mr. Chair.

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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yes.

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8 MR. DEMENTI: Can I say something?

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10 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yes.

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12 MR. DEMENTI: Does this mean that you can
13 take the antlers with the head?

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15 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Or the head without the
16 antlers.

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18 MR. DEMENTI: Or the head without the
19 antlers?

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21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah, or without the.....

22
23 MR. DEMENTI: It's got to be or. Sex
24 organs or the head?

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26 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No, you have to take --
27 you can't get by with the antlers. You have to take the
28 head.

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30 MR. DEMENTI: The head.

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32 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: But you can either have
33 the antlers on the head or the antlers off the head, but
34 the antlers don't count.

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36 MR. DEMENTI: Okay. The sex organs don't
37 have to be with the head.

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39 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No, if you have the
40 head.....

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42 MR. DEMENTI: Okay, that's find.

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE:you don't need the
45 sex organs, if you have the sex organs, you don't need the
46 head.

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48 MR. DEMENTI: Okay. Support what they
49 meant.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And the antlers don't
2 count for anything.

3
4 Okay, any other discussion?

5
6 (No audible responses)

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8 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: If there's no further
9 discussion the question is in order.

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11 MR. VLASOFF: Question.

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13 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: The question's been
14 called. All in favor of the amendment to Proposal 20,
15 signify by saying aye.

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17 IN UNISON: Aye.

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19 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. So now we have the
20 amendment to the proposal. Now we have Proposal 20, as
21 amended on the table, is there any discussion on that?

22
23 (No audible responses)

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25 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: If not the question's in
26 order.

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28 MR. VLASOFF: Question.

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30 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, question's been
31 called. All in favor of Proposal 20, as amended, signify
32 by saying aye.

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34 IN UNISON: Aye.

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36 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: All opposed signify by
37 saying nay.

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39 (No opposing responses)

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41 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Motion carries
42 unanimously. Okay.

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44 MS. SWAN: It's done.

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46 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's done, Unit [sic] 20
47 is done, passed, as amended.

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49 Okay, let's go on to Proposal 22, that should

50 probably be on page 126, somewhere in that neighborhood,

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1 127. Unit 13, proposal submitted by the Paxson Fish and
2 Game Advisory Committee and this is going to be brought to
3 us by Donna.

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5 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah, we have a series of
6 proposals that all.....

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8 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That are all tied
9 together.

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11 MS. DEWHURST:are fairly
12 straightforward proposals.

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14 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Oh, okay.

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16 MS. DEWHURST: So it shouldn't be any
17 problem. This one the analysis starts on page 129. This
18 one was also a request from Paxson Fish and Game Advisory
19 Committee. They wanted to change the Dall sheep bag limit
20 from a 7/8ths curl to a full curl in Unit 13. So they're
21 actually proposing a restriction from the current
22 regulations.

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24 What we then went to look at was what the
25 population was doing. That's -- it's a tough area to get
26 at because it's almost between two populations there, or at
27 least how they monitor sheep and where the Federal lands
28 are. But the best I could determine, basically, it's west
29 of the Parks Highway area and they're trying to maintain at
30 least 3,000 animals and what Fish and Game is reporting is
31 that the population harvest objectives are being met at
32 this time with no problems. There's no population problems
33 or any indication of any severe decline in that area.
34 There are declines in some other areas, but not in the area
35 where Federal public lands are.

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37 The sheep populations are monitored pretty
38 specifically mountain ranges and things and right where
39 we're talking about, where this regulation will be in
40 effect shouldn't have a problem. The harvest has also been
41 very low in the area.

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43 There's really two areas. If you look on the map
44 on page 130, there's the Park Service lands in 13(E) which
45 is what I was just talking about, west of the Parks
46 Highway, and then there's also the BLM lands up around --
47 you know, north of Paxson and that area. And there are
48 very few sheep on the BLM lands, if any. It's -- we're
49 talking very few numbers there. But the whole harvest in

50 Unit 13 is very small on Federal public lands.

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1 And, basically, to boil everything down to a short
2 summary that we can't -- there's no indication of any
3 population problems or reasons to restrict subsistence
4 users with a full curl requirement. So at this time the
5 staff is recommending opposing the proposal.

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7 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Donna, could you
8 tell me how many sheep had been taken in that area by
9 subsistence hunters in the -- under -- well, let's say in
10 the last couple of years?

11
12 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah, they're taking with a
13 State license, so we don't have those exact numbers, all we
14 can say is how many were harvested.

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16 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: But they would have to be
17 taking them with 7/8ths curl if they're taking them --
18 well, if they're taking them with State license they have
19 to have full curl, don't they?

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21 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah, but they can -- yeah,
22 I'm not real sure on that.

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24 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So, I mean, they would
25 have to have a different permit or something to take a.....

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27 MS. DEWHURST: I don't think we're issuing
28 Federal.....

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30 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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32 MS. DEWHURST: I don't believe we're
33 issuing Federal registration permits for sheep.

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35 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It doesn't look to me like
36 very many sheep are taken there on a yearly basis; am I
37 correct in that assumption?

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39 MS. DEWHURST: Well, from what I could
40 determine -- let's see, this is in -- on the BLM -- well,
41 let's see -- trying to see what I wrote.

42
43 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah, that's basically
44 what it says.....

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46 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah.

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48 CHAIRMAN LOHSE:it says that it's
49 negligible.

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1 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah, it was.....

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I see three sheep in 1998

4 and.....

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6 MS. DEWHURST: Seems to me I was seeing

7 between -- like under five sheep on an annual basis.

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9 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah.

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11 MS. DEWHURST: But the records were kind of

12 -- I was going off the State records and it was hard to

13 determine.....

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15 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And you couldn't tell if

16 those were 7/8ths or those were full curl sheep either.

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18 MS. DEWHURST: No and you can't tell for

19 sure whether they were taken on Federal land or not Federal

20 land, so it's -- the records were really hard -- they

21 didn't provide a lot of information. We're basically

22 about, in any case, very few animals being taken through

23 this hunt, whether we decide to restrict the hunters or

24 not, but partly there we're talking so few animals and

25 there isn't a population problem in that area, you know,

26 that our -- we couldn't see a need for imposing the

27 restriction.

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29 The justification for the request was to align our

30 regulations with the State, but since it was imposing a

31 further restriction, at this time, staff didn't -- opposed

32 it, just because there's no biological justification to

33 impose that restriction.

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35 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I wish there was somebody

36 here that was a sheep biologist that I could ask what the --

37 how much do you increase the percentage of available sheep

38 by taking 7/8ths instead of full curl?

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40 MS. DEWHURST: The difference of one to two

41 year, I mean, in age of the sheep.

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43 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: One to two years in age.

44 So you got another two year classes that you can add to it?

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46 MS. DEWHURST: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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48 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And once they reach full

49 curl, how many years do they have then?

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1 MS. DEWHURST: I don't know what the
2 average age of sheep.....

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4 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Four, probably?

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6 MS. DEWHURST: Well, I think it's around
7 the age of seven or eight years old is when they hit full
8 curl, I believe.

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10 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Oh, that early, okay.

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12 MS. DEWHURST: Boy, it seems to me they had
13 sheep -- I'm not real sure. I not sure how old they live.

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15 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I know 14 and 15 years
16 old.

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18 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah, I was thinking upwards
19 to 20 on the max.

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21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Thanks for the
22 introduction. Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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24 MR. FALL: (Shakes head negatively)

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26 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No comments on that one
27 there. Other agency or Eastern Interior, is there anybody
28 else that wants to make comments on this one here? This is
29 kind of up in your area, Nat, did Eastern Interior have
30 much to say about it?

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32 MR. GOOD: I also sit on the Delta Fish and
33 Game Advisory Committee and the Delta Controlled Use Area
34 is within our purview, so to speak. Now what Paxson is
35 really looking at is that section there that you were
36 referring to north of what's shown as McCullen there. The
37 largest part of that sheep caring area is within the Delta
38 Controlled Use Area. There's a small amount, actually,
39 that is outside of it, but the number of sheep in the area
40 is pretty limited and the actual harvest is, as you said,
41 quite small.

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43 From the point of view of the Eastern Interior, we
44 looked at this and said, to move this from 7/8ths to full
45 curl is simply to make it a trophy hunt, which is what
46 Alaska Department of Fish and Game was doing when they set
47 up the Delta Controlled Use Area, they wanted a trophy hunt
48 where people would be able to apply for permits and if they
49 were lucky enough to get a permit, they would be able to

50 hunt in an area that would have trophy sized sheep. And

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1 the point of view we -- Eastern Interior rejected this
2 because we felt that was entirely inconsistent with
3 subsistence uses that if -- that 7/8ths was certainly large
4 enough, there should be some advantage to a subsistence
5 user who is looking for meat rather than trophies.

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7 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Any questions for Nat?

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9 (No audible responses)

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11 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Nat. Okay.
12 Fish and Game Advisory Committee comments, do we have any
13 of those or a summary of written public comments? Helga,
14 do we have that?

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16 MS. EAKON: Okay. The program received
17 written comments of support from Cooper Landing Fish and
18 Game Advisory Committee and from Paxson Fish and Game
19 Advisory Committee. The Wrangell-St. Elias Subsistence
20 Resource Commission opposes this proposal. The Denali
21 Subsistence Resource Commission took no action, reviewed
22 this proposal regarding sheep in Unit 13, but took no
23 action on it, for the Denali Park area in Unit 13 sheep are
24 not present, so this proposal would not affect Denali
25 subsistence users.

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27 End of written public comments, Mr. Chair.

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29 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, muchly, Helga.
30 Okay. Do we have any public testimony? Eleanor.

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32 MS. DEMENTI: Thank you, Mr. Chair. CRNA
33 does not support this proposal. The full curl ram would
34 make it difficult for subsistence users to harvest a sheep
35 in Unit 13.

36

37 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you. Any questions
38 for Eleanor?

39

40 (No audible responses)

41

42 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you.

43

44 MS. DEMENTI: Uh-huh.

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46 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. In that case a
47 motion is in order to support or to pass Proposal 22 so
48 that we can discuss it and take action. Do I hear that
49 motion? If we make no motion it dies.

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1 MR. ELVSAAS: Mr. Chairman, you sure it
2 doesn't carry over to the next meeting or anything, it just
3 flat dies?

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5 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I'll ask Helga on that
6 one. If we take action on this one, does this proposal
7 die?

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9 MS. EAKON: It goes into a deep hole, so
10 you should.....

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12 (Laughter)

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14 MS. EAKON: It does, it goes into a deep
15 black hole, so you should do something.

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17 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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19 MR. ELVSAAS: Yeah, I will move for
20 adoption of the proposal.

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22 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Do I hear a second?

23
24 MS. SWAN: Second.

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26 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's been moved and
27 seconded that we review the sheep horn in Tok area and the
28 Delta Controlled Use Area to one ram with full curl horns.
29 Discussion.

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31 I saw a hand up back there, did you have something
32 that you -- was that just a procedural thing that you were
33 going to add to us?

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35 MR. RABINOWITCH: It's -- why don't you
36 continue on at this point.

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38 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, thank you. If you
39 see something that procedurally could use advice thank you
40 for it.

41
42 Okay. So.....

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44 MR. DEMENTI: Question.

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46 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, the question's been
47 called. Did you have some -- Fred, do you have some.....

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49 MR. ELVSAAS: Well, as maker of the motion

50 I was just going to recommend we vote no on the proposal.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Question's been
2 called. All in favor of Proposal 22 signify by saying aye.

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4 (No in favor responses)

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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: All opposed signify by
7 saying nay.

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9 IN UNISON: Nay.

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11 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Motion fails unanimously.

12
13 Okay, we now go on to Proposal 23. And, Donna, are
14 you taking this one?

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16 MS. DEWHURST: I have the next four of
17 them.

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19 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: You have the next four,
20 okay, thank you.

21
22 MS. DEWHURST: This one was actually made
23 by your Council and it was to effectively create a summer
24 beaver hunting season. The season would be one beaver per
25 day, one in possession. The affected units -- the way the
26 proposal was made was to have the season start 30 days
27 after the trapping season closed and be done with 30 days
28 prior to the fall trapping season, so because of those
29 parameters, which were discussed by your Council, each unit
30 has different starting and ending dates, based on the
31 trapping dates. And I did adjust those trapping dates to
32 the -- the State made some recent changes and we made some
33 recent changes, so they're adjusted to the most current
34 trapping dates. So that's why each unit had separate open
35 and closing dates.

36
37 Basically, the analysis here, we looked at the --
38 what we knew of the beaver populations in the area and the
39 indications are because of low beaver prices and not much
40 incentive for people to trap, the populations are going up.
41 There basically wasn't any biological reason to oppose this
42 proposal. The one caution that was mentioned to me, which
43 was kind of interesting, it's on page 137, was that --
44 there was a concern raised about advising subsistence
45 users to exercise discretion as to shooting beavers along
46 the road system on Federal public lands in the summer
47 because wildlife viewing is a popular activity by tourists
48 at the time. So that was the only negative comment
49 mentioned. But other than that, all the information would

50 support this proposal.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. At this point in
2 time we'll open it up to Alaska Department of Fish and Game
3 Comments, do you have any?

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5 MR. FALL: There's nothing further.

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7 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I see it's no
8 recommendation. And again, it said something about the
9 roadside viewers. Okay. And I see that they also have a
10 little thing about, at this point in time, as a furbearer,
11 in order to be legal you would have to have a trapping
12 license, but if they change it to a fur animal, then you'll
13 be able to take it under a hunting license. That was under
14 ADF&G comments.

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16 Other agency comments, Eastern Interior, did you
17 have anything to say on it? You don't have to say a lot,
18 Nat, I mean, you can just.....

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20 MR. GOOD: I'll be very brief.

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22 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Good.

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24 MR. GOOD: I'm up here mostly to share a
25 joke with you. And that is when this was brought up at --
26 you know, the concern about shooting the beaver along the
27 road, and I'm sure Gilbert remembers this, the comment was
28 made back that, hey, this will give them an opportunity to
29 really view wildlife up close.

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31 (Laughter)

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33 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: In that line. I hate to
34 tell you about this one, but I've got to top you. There
35 were two car loads of tourists off the road in the Cordova
36 viewing a nice big bull moose and in typical Cordova aplomb
37 a car pulled up and said "any of you guys got a permit?"
38 And they said "no", so bang, down with the moose.

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40 (Laughter)

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42 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Because the most common
43 thing there is if don't have a permit you go find somebody
44 that has a permit to tell them there's a moose there, you
45 know, near the road. So anybody got a permit? No. Well,
46 bang.

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48 MR. GOOD: It sounds very practical to me,
49 but.....

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So they got to view it up
2 close.

4 MR. GOOD:we did support the proposal
5 because the Interior we were especially in favor of this
6 type thing because there are big problems with beavers up
7 there shutting off streams and causing problems with the
8 fish and everything else, so we figure it would probably --
9 well, we actually know you have some problem down in this
10 area as well, too, so definitely we support any efforts
11 here to -- and provide additional harvest for subsistence
12 people.

14 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That was a question I
15 would like to ask you. In your discussion there, was there
16 much interest in people from up there taking beaver at that
17 time of the year for subsistence purposes?

19 MR. GOOD: Yes, there is and, in fact, if I
20 recall correctly, some of the discussion we had both there
21 at the table and away from the table, there was some
22 concern about -- and particularly on the Yukon with the
23 fish the way they are, we're looking at fish that are going
24 away to sea and not coming back. And we're looking at
25 escapement that's not meeting goals and low escapements.
26 They're beginning to look at this as maybe the fish may not
27 be as safe in the next few years for food and maybe we need
28 to look really closely at beaver and.....

30 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: As an alternative?

32 MR. GOOD: Yes. So they're very seriously
33 interested here.

35 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: George.

37 MR. SHERROD: Yes, Mr. Chair. The Interior
38 Council did initiate a beaver hunting season about two
39 years ago, and for a point of clarification, under Federal
40 regs you can take them with a hunting license you don't
41 need a trapping license if it is a beaver hunting season.

43 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

45 MS. SWAN: Mr. Chairman.

47 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yes.

49 MS. SWAN: This is kind of like splitting

50 beaver hairs, but then what do you do if you shoot a beaver

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1 what do you do with the hide, can you -- you can't sell or
2 -- because you didn't trap it, what would you do with it?

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4 MR. SHERROD: Well, the pelt probably would
5 not be in prime condition at this time, say, and the
6 hunting season was for taking them in the spring for eating
7 and also when people are out moose hunting it gives them
8 the opportunity if they're out at camp to shoot beaver for
9 consumption at moose camp. But if you eat the meat you
10 could do whatever you wanted with the hide. There is -- I
11 think the inherent requirement is you use the animal, you
12 just don't shoot them for sport.

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14 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Ida.

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16 MS. HILDEBRAND: Ida Hildebrand, BIA Staff
17 Committee member. In answer to Clare's question of when
18 the hide isn't a prime for sale or for use as a parka, it
19 is used for crafts.

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21 MS. SWAN: Uh-huh, thank you.

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23 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And I think, and somebody
24 can correct me if I wrong and out of line, I would think
25 that beaver hide could be classed the same as a bear hide,
26 if you took a beaver for meat the hide just becomes
27 personal property, it's not -- and a bear hide you can send
28 out to have tanned and then once it's tanned it becomes
29 your personal property, too. And I think if you make it
30 into a rug you can sell the rug. So they can use it for
31 crafts and that without any problem. And I may be wrong on
32 that, but I'm pretty sure that's about the same category it
33 would go into.

34
35 Okay. Fish and Game Advisory Committee comments,
36 did we get any on that, Helga?

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38 MS. EAKON: No, no.

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40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Written public testimony?

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42 MS. EAKON: We have written comments from
43 Copper River-Prince William Sound Advisory Committee and
44 they support this proposal, as does the Cooper Landing Fish
45 and Game Advisory Committee. The Wrangell-St. Elias
46 Subsistence Resource Commission also supports this proposal
47 and the Denali Subsistence Resource Commission didn't take
48 action because this proposal does not affect Denali
49 subsistence users.

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1 And that concludes the written comments.

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Do we have any public
4 testimony? Eleanor.

5

6 MS. DEMENTI: Thank you, Mr. Chair. CRNA
7 supports opening season hunt for beaver so that subsistence
8 users may harvest beaver.

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10 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you. Any questions?

11

12 (No audible responses)

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14 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you. Okay. We need
15 a motion on the table so that the Regional Council can
16 deliberate and recommend, et cetera. Do I hear a motion?

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18 MR. VLASOFF: I move.

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20 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So moved to support
21 Proposal 23. Supports Proposal 23 opening a hunting season
22 for beaver. Do I hear a second?

23

24 MS. SWAN: Second.

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26 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. At this point any
27 discussion? We need to have some discussion on this if
28 anybody has any or some reasons why we should pass it or
29 why we shouldn't.

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31 (No audible responses)

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33 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well, as the semi-half
34 writer of this proposal I can see where with all of the
35 things that have been said, the growth in population, the
36 low incentive in trapping and the fact that they are a good
37 food resource that can be used either in emergency or on a
38 camp out or something like that. I'll support this
39 proposal, I don't see it making a real big impact in the
40 beaver population. And, if at any point in time, when it
41 does start making an impact on the beaver population it can
42 be revisited and it can be -- proposals to modify it can be
43 in order. But in the mean time I'd like to see how much
44 use of them would made and extend that opportunity.

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46 Is there any other discussion on it?

47

48 (No audible responses)

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MR. DEMENTI: Question.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Question's been called.
2 All in favor of Proposal 23 signify by saying aye.

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4 IN UNISON: Aye.

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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: All opposed signify by
7 saying nay.

8
9 (No opposing responses)

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11 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Motion carries
12 unanimously.

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14 Proposal 24, wolf hunting. Donna.

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16 MS. DEWHURST: This proposal was made by
17 Eastern Interior's Subsistence Resource Commission, I
18 believe. The proposal is to double the limit, basically,
19 from five wolves to 10 wolves per day. Similar to the last
20 proposal, the wolves -- all the indications are that wolf
21 populations are increasing in the area involved, which his
22 Unit 13, especially since the prohibition on aerial
23 hunting. That less wolves are being harvested on the
24 ground under the current regulations and all indications
25 are the wolf population has increased.

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27 So based on that and considering it would provide
28 additional subsistence opportunity, the staff recommends
29 supporting the proposal.

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31 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. So if I understand
32 right, current State regulations are 10, current Federal
33 regulations are five and this proposal would increase the
34 Federal regulations to 10 to correspond to State
35 regulations?

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37 MS. DEWHURST: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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39 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Alaska Department
40 of Fish and Game comments on that one?

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42 MR. FALL: Nothing more than what's in
43 there.

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45 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Nothing more than what's
46 in here. No recommendation?

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48 MR. FALL: (Shakes head negatively)

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CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And it supports that align

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1 State and Federal seasons and adoption of this proposal
2 will probably have any impact on the number of wolves.

3
4 Okay. Other agency comments, Eastern Interior,
5 Nat.

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7 MR. GOOD: Can I say it from here?

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9 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: You sure may if you say it
10 loud enough so that.....

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12 MR. GOOD: We most certain support our own
13 proposal.

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15 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, thank you. Nat, do
16 you have any hunters that can take 10 wolves per day?

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18 MR. GOOD: Mr. Chairman, we have trappers
19 that can come close, but our hunters are really way behind.

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21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. I just wanted to go
22 learn.

23
24 Fish and Game Advisory Committee comments, any,
25 Helga?

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27 MS. EAKON: None that I know -- the written
28 comments both the Wrangell-St. Elias Subsistence Resource
29 Commission and Denali Subsistence Resource Commission
30 support this proposal.

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32 End of comments.

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34 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. A motion to accept
35 this proposal is in order.

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37 MS. SWAN: So moved.

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39 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Oop, we still have public
40 testimony, I'm sorry, I boo-booed.

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42 MS. SWAN: Oh, okay.

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Eleanor.

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46 MS. DEMENTI: CRNA supports this proposal
47 for 10 wolves a day.

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49 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you. Any questions

50 for Eleanor?

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1 (No audible responses)

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you. Okay, now we
4 can have a motion for discussion.

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6 MS. SWAN: So moved.

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8 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's been moved, do I hear
9 a second?

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11 MR. ELVSAAS: Second.

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13 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's been moved and
14 seconded to increase the daily bag limit on wolves from
15 five to 10 to align it with the State hunting season on
16 Federal ground in Unit 13 is where this applies. Any
17 discussion or comments?

18

19 (No audible responses)

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21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well, I think it extends
22 an opportunity that wasn't there. I don't think it will be
23 taken advantage of very often. And I was serious, if I
24 knew somebody that could consistently do that, I would love
25 to take lessons from him. Then, again, maybe I wouldn't.
26 Any other comments on it?

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28 (No audible responses)

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30 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Do I hear a call for the
31 question?

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33 MR. VLASOFF: Question.

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35 MR. ELVSAAS: Question.

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37 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Question's been called.
38 All in favor of supporting this to align the Federal bag
39 limit with the State bag limit for wolves in Unit 13
40 signify by saying aye.

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42 IN UNISON: Aye.

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: All opposed signify by
45 saying nay.

46

47 (No opposing responses)

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49 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Motion carries.

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1 MS. EAKON: Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yes.

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5 MS. EAKON: Before you go on to the next
6 proposal, could I correct myself?

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8 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yep.

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10 MS. EAKON: When you asked me any effect of
11 a failed motion, I'm sorry, I was thinking of the effect of
12 a tabled motion, so I spoke. When you table something it
13 goes into a deep hole. When you make a motion and it
14 doesn't go through it's reject -- either there's no effect,
15 that means the status quo remains, the effect is rejecting
16 the proposal.

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18 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: But what happens if we
19 don't make a motion or we take no action on it? That's
20 what we were talking about doing basically when that
21 proposal came up. If nobody made a motion to accept the
22 proposal then the proposal never gets on the table, what
23 happens to it then?

24
25 MS. EAKON: You know what, that's what
26 Eastern Interior did on that same on because their action
27 was -- somebody made a motion to accept it and there was no
28 second, so it died.

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30 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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32 MS. EAKON: It died and this is how -- they
33 said, Good made a motion, seconded by Fleener to support
34 the proposal as written. The motion failed resulting in
35 rejecting the proposal.

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37 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, that was a failed
38 motion.

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40 MS. EAKON: But they voted.

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42 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: They voted on that one.

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44 MS. EAKON: They voted that, yeah.

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46 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. But I was thinking
47 what happens if we don't bring one of these proposals on to
48 the table?

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MS. EAKON: Was that what you were going to

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1 speak to, Sandy?

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3 MR. RABINOWITCH: I was going to -- okay,
4 Joe.

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6 REPORTER: You know better than that,
7 Sandy, you weren't going to get away with it.

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9 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: If we take no action on a
10 motion, does it come back to us another time or does it
11 have to be resubmitted?

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13 MR. RABINOWITCH: Sandy Rabinowitch, Staff
14 Committee for the Park Service. The answer to that is
15 depends on what the Federal Board does. If you take no
16 action on a proposal, the proposal still goes to the
17 Federal Board.

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19 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right.

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21 MR. RABINOWITCH: And it comes forward with
22 simply no action on your Council's part. The Federal Board
23 then can accept, reject or table, which is not done very
24 often, so the Federal Board's action is what matters.

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26 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That's true. They just
27 basically do not take any advice from us, then, on that
28 motion?

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30 MR. RABINOWITCH: Right. I was just asking
31 Ida if she had any other thing to add to that.

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33 MS. HILDEBRAND: Ida Hildebrand, BIA Staff
34 Committee member. The only difference is if there was just
35 a proposal before this Council, if it's one of your overlap
36 Councils and another Council acted on the proposal then the
37 Board would consider that action and either go with it or
38 reject it, based on the action of the other Council.

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40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: But if it was a proposal
41 that just applied to this Council and we took no action on
42 it, it would be just no action. It's just up to them.

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44 MS. HILDEBRAND: Then it would be as Sandy
45 stated.

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47 MR. RABINOWITCH: Yeah.

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49 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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1 MR. RABINOWITCH: But there could be
2 limited public that would show up and testify, you know,
3 you just don't know.

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5 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Uh-huh.
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7 MS. SWAN: Is that the same -- that isn't
8 the same then as a motion dies for lack of second. Does it
9 have the same effect?

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11 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Uh-huh.
12

13 MR. RABINOWITCH: I think so.

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15 MS. SWAN: It would have the same effect in
16 this case.

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18 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It would have the same
19 effect.

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21 MS. SWAN: Okay.
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23 MR. RABINOWITCH: The effect being that
24 your Council would have taken no position.

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26 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right.
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28 MS. SWAN: Okay.
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30 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So it's up to somebody
31 else to make a decision on it without input.

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33 MS. SWAN: And so then.....
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35 MR. RABINOWITCH: The Board still had to
36 put it in front of it and decide what to do.

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38 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah.
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40 MS. SWAN: Okay.
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42 MR. RABINOWITCH: They simply not benefit
43 from a clear statement of advice from you.

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45 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.
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47 MR. VLASOFF: Mr. Chair, I'm still not
48 clear. Are you saying we could ignore one of these if we
49 want?

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yes, we can ignore one of
2 these and if we ignore it basically is left up to the Board
3 to make a decision on it, without our advice.

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5 MR. VLASOFF: Okay.

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7 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: But if we want to give any
8 advice on it, we have to act one way or the other.

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10 MR. VLASOFF: Okay.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right?

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14 MR. VLASOFF: Uh-huh.

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16 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I kind of what I thought,
17 but I wasn't sure.

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19 Okay, so we are now on.....

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21 MR. ELVSAAS: Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yes.

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25 MR. ELVSAAS: I don't want to belabor this
26 thing, but as I understand it, then, every proposal before
27 is a proposal before the Board also.

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29 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right.

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31 MR. ELVSAAS: Okay. And if we don't act,
32 it's just no recommendation?

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34 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right.

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36 MR. ELVSAAS: They can act.

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38 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: They can act anyway that
39 they.....

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41 MR. ELVSAAS: Right.

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43 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Without any input from us.

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45 MR. ELVSAAS: Thank you.

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47 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. We're on Proposal
48 25. Ptarmigan, revised harvest and possession limits.

49 Donna.

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1 MS. DEWHURST: It's another Paxson Fish and
2 Game Advisory Committee proposal. It's another one to
3 align the Federal with the State, but this time, like
4 similar to the sheep proposal, it's actually to align the
5 two is putting a restriction on subsistence users, because
6 it would be cutting the bag limits, both the daily and the
7 possession in half is what Paxson is proposing. So it's
8 going from 20 per day, 40 in possession to 10 per day, 20
9 in possession.

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11 The discrepancy between the State and the Federal
12 bag limits has existed for over five years with no prior
13 present mention of a need to correct this due to population
14 concerns. The concern raised by Paxson was primarily that
15 it felt it would be good to have the two regulations
16 aligned.

17
18 Similar to in the situation with the sheep, all
19 indications are that ptarmigan populations in the area
20 where Federal public lands are appear to be healthy.
21 There's no indication of declines. They will be cyclic but
22 there's no indication of long-term declines in the area.

23
24 So at this time the staff recommendation is to
25 oppose because there's no biological justification to
26 impose a restriction on subsistence users.

27
28 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Alaska Fish and
29 Game Department comments.

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31 MR. FALL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Jim
32 Fall, Division of Subsistence. You can see on page 150
33 that the original Department comment was to support the
34 proposal, the proposed change would align the State and the
35 Federal seasons, reduce confusion among hunters and remove
36 a potential enforcement problem. And that comment was done
37 before we had reviewed the staff analysis, so there was an
38 additional comment developed by the Division of Wildlife
39 Conservation. Since they're not here I feel obligated to
40 at least read this into the record. And this comment was
41 also provided by Terry Haynes to the Staff Committee orally
42 in January.

43
44 And Wildlife wrote, we do not support the staff
45 conclusion, evidence is not presented indicating that
46 aligning the State and Federal daily bag and possession
47 limits would actually reduce harvest opportunities by
48 Federally qualified subsistence users.

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So that was their comment on that. And taking that

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1 one step further, I think what they mean, it doesn't look
2 like very many, if any, people take more than 10 per day.

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4 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah.

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6 MR. FALL: Thanks.

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8 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So they're saying that it
9 would decrease opportunity but it really wouldn't decrease
10 actual take.

11
12 Okay. Other agency comments or Eastern Interior.

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14 MR. GOOD: Sounds a little silly trying to
15 respond from back there. On the ptarmigan we also
16 recognized that there probably will not be very many people
17 taking 20 and 40. We still have a serious concern with
18 placing undue restrictions on subsistence users when
19 there's no biological justification. From out point of
20 view there should be some advantage to being a subsistence
21 hunter, whether or not you're able to actually take any
22 advantage of it. We rejected the proposal.

23
24 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Nat.

25
26 Any Fish and Game Advisory Council comments?

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28 MS. EAKON: Paxson Fish and Game Advisory
29 Committee supports this proposal.

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31 Written comments. Peter Johnson of Bureau of Land
32 Management supports it as well. As does Wrangell-St. Elias
33 Subsistence Resource Commission.

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35 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Wrangell-St. Elias
36 Resource Commission supports this proposal?

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38 MS. EAKON: Yes, they do. The Denali
39 Subsistence Resource Commission opposes this proposal,
40 saying that the Commission does not believe there is a
41 biological reason to reduce the subsistence opportunity.

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43 End of written comments.

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45 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Can I ask a question?
46 Now, is Peter Johnson talking for the Bureau of Land
47 Management; does he work up in that area?

48
49 MS. EAKON: Does anyone.....

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1 MR. WATERS: He doesn't work in my office.
2 I never heard of him.

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4 (Laughter)

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6 MR. WATERS: I got a note to find out who
7 he is.

8
9 MR. DEMENTI: He might be your boss.

10
11 (Laughter)

12
13 MS. EAKON: Mr. Chair, I had the same
14 question because this is new to me, the name is new to me.
15 There's different offices of BLM. Have you ever heard of
16 him?

17
18 MR. SHERROD: I think he's one of their
19 rangers, he's an enforcement officer, I believe.

20
21 MS. DEWHURST: Oh, I think so, yeah. Now,
22 that you mentioned it, I think he wrote a general letter
23 that commented on a whole series of proposals and I think
24 he did state in there that he was a ranger, so I think he's
25 coming from an enforcement point of view.

26
27 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Did he write it on BLM
28 letterhead?

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30 MR. SHERROD: It was an e-mail, I believe.

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32 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah, I think it was an
33 e-mail, but I think it mentioned he was with enforcement.

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35 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. But he would be
36 part of Bureau of Land Management Enforcement Division
37 then?

38
39 MS. DEWHURST: Uh-huh.

40
41 MR. SHERROD: Right.

42
43 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Because I was
44 wondering if that was a, I was going to say, bureaucracy
45 comment -- agency comment.

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47 MS. SWAN: Mr. Chairman, he could be
48 anything on e-mail.

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CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well, anybody can be

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1 anything on e-mail, but I mean -- I was just wondering if
2 that was an official, you know, position right there.

3

4 Okay. So that's what we have for written comments,
5 right, Helga?

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7 MS. EAKON: You know, speaking of that, you
8 know, one time we -- the Southcentral made a recommendation
9 on C&T based upon an individual who purported to be from
10 Seldovia and Seldovians never even heard of him. You know,
11 just to make myself feel at ease, during a break I'm going
12 to call our office and see if they can find out, you know,
13 what his capacity is.

14

15 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: If he's making this as an
16 individual and he works for the Bureau of Land Management
17 that's fine. If he's making this as a Bureau of Land
18 Management comment, that's got different weight to it, you
19 know.

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21 MS. EAKON: Yeah. I will find out during a
22 break.

23

24 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. With that, let's go
25 on to public testimony. Eleanor.

26

27 MS. DEMENTI: Thank you, Mr. Chair. CRNA
28 does not support limiting harvest for ptarmigan. Does not
29 support.

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31 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Does not support Proposal
32 25.

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34 Okay. At this point in time a motion to accept
35 Proposal 25 is in order.

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37 MR. DEMENTI: So moved.

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39 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's always hard to make a
40 motion that you don't want to make, but.....

41

42 MR. DEMENTI: Yeah.

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So moved, is there a
45 second?

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47 MR. VLASOFF: Second.

48

49 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And there's a second.

50 It's been moved and seconded to support Proposal 25, which

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1 aligns ptarmigan harvests in Unit 13 with State harvest of
2 10 per day, 20 in possession as opposed to 20 per day, 40
3 in possession. Discussion.

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5 MR. ELVSAAS: Mr. Chairman

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7 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yes.

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9 MR. ELVSAAS: Well, I know from personal
10 experience it is realistic to get more than 10 a day. And
11 it's not very often, but generally after the first heavy
12 snowfall when they come within the lower areas, it can be
13 done. I've done that myself. I don't recall having 20 a
14 day, but given that, recognizing that this is not
15 endangering the ptarmigan, why doesn't the State raise
16 their limit? Because there is the off chance that meat
17 hunters can supply more meat if they have a good day on the
18 grounds. Most times you don't, but generally after the
19 first snow fall it's pretty good ptarmigan hunting.

20
21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well, you did a question
22 right there that probably should have been asked a number
23 of times. If there is no -- at this point in time we
24 haven't had any biological reasons presented, if there's no
25 biological reason presented and knowing that some of these
26 numbers were derived at arbitrarily, in the interest of
27 aligning State and Federal bag limits in areas where the
28 Federal bag limit is more liberal, why doesn't the State
29 align with the Federal instead of the Federal with the
30 State?

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32 MR. ELVSAAS: Uh-huh.

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34 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That's a good question.
35 Myself, I'd have to support what Eastern Interior said on
36 it, I'd probably go along with them on it at this point in
37 time, basically, but there's -- there's no justification
38 because I don't think there would really be that much
39 subsistence hunting up there that it's going to make any
40 impact, simply because it's like getting 10 wolves a day
41 versus five. It may happen once, it doesn't happen very
42 often.

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44 Any other comments on Proposal 25?

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46 (No audible responses)

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48 MR. ELVSAAS: Question.

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CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Question's been called.

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1 All in favor of Proposal 25 signify by saying aye.

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3 (No in favor responses)

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5 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: All opposes signify by
6 saying nay.

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8 IN UNISON: Nay.

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10 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Motion fails unanimously.

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12 Okay, we're now on Proposal 26, which is revise
13 seasons to mirror State season on beaver in Unit 6, 13, 16.

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15 MS. DEWHURST: It's on page 153.

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17 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's on 153. It doesn't
18 appear to be a very controversial.....

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20 MS. DEWHURST: Well, it was brought up by
21 your Council at my suggestion, but brought by your Council
22 last fall. This is another one of these alignments, but
23 this is aligning in the other direction, in that this case
24 the State was more liberal than the existing Federal
25 regulations. So we are proposing to liberalize the Federal
26 regulations to align with both seasons and bag limits for
27 beaver in those units. Minor changes in season and then
28 bag limits go from either 20 to 30 per season to no limit
29 at all.

30

31 Similar to the previous beaver discussion beaver
32 populations appear to be increasing everywhere and this
33 would provide additional opportunity, potentially, for
34 subsistence users. But in reality it doesn't because they
35 could have been trapping under the State regs all along,
36 which were more liberal. So here, again, this is a more a
37 clean up the paperwork administrative kind of thing.

38

39 So we're proposing to align the regulations, but
40 it's to be more liberal, so the staff recommendation is to
41 support.

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43 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you. Alaska
44 Department of Fish and Game comments?

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46 MR. FALL: Nothing other than what's
47 written.

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49 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No comments other than

50 what's written in here, which is to support it.

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1 Fish and Game folks, Eastern Interior. Can you
2 just say support or oppose back there, Nat?

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4 MR. GOOD: Well, you got me.....

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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Loud enough that he can
7 hear it.

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9 MR. GOOD: I think I can say, yes.....

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11 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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13 MR. GOOD:based on our past history,
14 but I don't we actually got this proposal.

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16 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Oh.

17
18 MR. GOOD: It wasn't in our book. It does
19 have 13, we should have, but we would support it.

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21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: You would support it?

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23 MR. GOOD: Yes, I'm sure.

24
25 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. And there is no
26 Fish and Game Advisory comments. Summary of written public
27 comments and my book says there aren't any public written
28 comments on this one. I don't know if there had been any
29 written comment since that time.

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31 MS. DEWHURST: It looks like Paxson voted
32 to support, it looks like. Eastern Interior supported.
33 Support with modification was the Denali Commission.

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35 MR. BERG: Here it is, she's getting it.

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37 MS. DEWHURST: Oh, wait a minute, that's
38 the wrong proposal.

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40 MS. EAKON: You want comments on
41 Proposal.....

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43 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Written comments on
44 Proposal 26.

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46 MS. EAKON: Okay, three comments of
47 support, from Wrangell-St. Elias Subsistence Regional
48 Commission, Denali Regional Subsistence Commission and
49 Paxson Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

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1 And that's it.

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well, in that case a
4 motion to support Proposal 26 is in order.

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6 MR. VLASOFF: I move.

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8 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's been moved by Fred.

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10 MS. SWAN: I second it.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Seconded by Clare.

13 Discussion. I don't know, I think in light of the
14 testimony that we've heard, I think I could recommend that
15 we would pass this proposal. Is there any there
16 discussion?

17

18 MR. ELVSAAS: Question.

19

20 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Question's been called.
21 All in favor signify by saying aye.

22

23 IN UNISON: Aye.

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25 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: All opposed signify by
26 saying nay.

27

28 (No opposing responses)

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30 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Proposal carries.

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32 We're going on to Proposal 27, it's a very similar
33 proposal, it's on marten and weasel. It liberalizes the
34 time and it aligns with the State.

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36 MS. DEWHURST: This one you actually
37 already voted on it because the season change is already in
38 Proposal 2, so this one overlaps.....

39

40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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42 MS. DEWHURST: This one is basically
43 encompassed under Proposal 2. The only difference is they
44 also requested.....

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46 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Change on weasel.

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48 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah, change on how weasel
49 was treated in the trapping regulations. And in looking at

50 it -- and they give a justification here. A weasel is a

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1 miniature marten, not a miniature mink. A mink is an
2 aquatic animal, it always lives near water, is primarily a
3 fish eater, a weasel has nothing to do with water and
4 primarily eats mice and insects. All trappers know that
5 most weasels are caught in marten sets.

6
7 I'm not going to into -- there are a couple of
8 biological problems with that statement. The trapping
9 statement is correct, but some of the dietary statements
10 and things aren't 100 percent.

11
12 But that really isn't the issue. The issue is
13 under these circumstances the way the Federal trapping
14 regulations were written were to parallel the State so in
15 ease for the user to be able to look at the two for a very
16 easy comparison. If we would change it in the Federal
17 trapping regulations, we were afraid it would create
18 confusion for the user because then they would be written
19 in a different format than the way the State is. Right now
20 they're in very parallel formats, so it's very to compare
21 the two regulations.

22
23 So our recommendation for this particular aspect
24 was to reject that aspect, but to support the date changes
25 because they're already in Proposal 2.

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27 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And we have already
28 supported the date changes, right?

29
30 MS. DEWHURST: Right.

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32 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah, as a trapper I'd
33 make the comment that if you're not trapping marten as of
34 February 28th and they only go in marten sets, you wouldn't
35 be catching them after February 28th. But this actually
36 leaves weasel more liberal than what he would do, and if
37 you caught them in mink sets, which nobody would be
38 trapping mink that late simply because they're not very
39 good at that time of the year. I don't see any reason to
40 change that part of it.

41
42 What's the Alaska Department of Fish and Game
43 comments on it?

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45 MR. FALL: Mr. Chair, continuing my role as
46 a pinch hitter here, I think these comments are pretty
47 similar to the ones we had on Number 2, the basic
48 philosophy was align completely.

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CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Uh-huh.

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1 MR. FALL: And the one extra twist looks
2 like under State regs for 13(E) there's a December 31st
3 closure for marten.

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5 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: But that's already in the
6 State regs, right?

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8 MR. FALL: In State regs, but it evidently
9 is not in the Federal reg.

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11 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: But the way we handled the
12 other one it did get covered that way because we chose to
13 align them with State regulations.

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15 MS. DEWHURST: And only when it was
16 liberalizing them.

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18 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Only when it was
19 liberalizing, that's true.

20
21 MS. DEWHURST: What he's talking about
22 would be a restriction.

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24 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Any other agency
25 comments? Eastern Interior, did you handle this one, Nat?

26
27 MR. GOOD: Yes, we did, we passed this, but
28 I don't remember any discussion on the mink -- or on the
29 weasel there. The species thing.

30
31 MR. SHERROD: There was actually amended
32 presented by ADF&G and you adopted it as amended by ADF&G,
33 but I don't have.....

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35 MS. DEWHURST: That was to do what he said,
36 to propose that restriction on the dates.

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38 MR. SHERROD: Okay.

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40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Uh-huh. So you basically
41 probably took the amendment as it's written right here in
42 the book.....

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44 MR. SHERROD: I think Helga has those
45 notes.

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47 MS. EAKON: Yeah.

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49 CHAIRMAN LOHSE:to align the State

50 and Federal?

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1 MS. EAKON: Eastern supported the proposal
2 actually to align Federal seasons with more liberal State
3 seasons because alignment would reduce confusion between
4 regulations, the need to determine land jurisdiction and
5 the proposal provides additional subsistence harvesting
6 opportunity under Federal regulations.

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8 MS. DEWHURST: Huh, no mention of
9 amendment.

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11 MS. EAKON: There's no mention of an
12 amendment.

13
14 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Huh. Okay. Fish and Game
15 Advisory Committee comments, do we have any, Helga?

16
17 MS. EAKON: Paxson Fish and Game Advisory
18 Committee supports this proposal. Denali Subsistence
19 Resource Commission supports with modification.

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21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Do they give their
22 modification?

23
24 MS. EAKON: The voted that the seasons on
25 marten, mink and weasel should be aligned with those
26 decided for Proposal 2.

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28 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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30 MS. EAKON: Wrangell-St. Elias Subsistence
31 Resource Commission deferred for clarification. And that's
32 all they said. I don't know, they didn't elaborate in
33 their letter, they just said deferred for clarification.

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35 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Helga. Any
36 questions for Helga?

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38 (No audible responses)

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40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Public testimony.
41 Eleanor, have you got CRNA?

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43 MS. DEMENTI: Thank you, Mr. Chair. CRNA
44 does not support proposal. CRNA does not support limiting
45 trapping seasons for marten.

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47 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you. It does not
48 support this proposal?

49

MS. DEMENTI: Does not.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Oh, yes, I see what it
2 says up there. So the existing regulation is in Units 11
3 and 13, November 10th to March 31st on Federal land, no
4 limit. So if we align it up with the State season marten
5 is closed on February 28th.

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7 MS. DEWHURST: Lost it. Hang on.

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9 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So actually so like CRNA
10 says, it does take a whole month off the marten trapping.

11
12 MS. DEWHURST: No, it shouldn't.

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14 MR. DEMENTI: Off the weasel.

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16 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well it takes it off the
17 marten, too.

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19 MR. DEMENTI: Oh, marten and weasel.

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21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Because if we look up at
22 top it says November 10th through March 31st.

23
24 MR. DEMENTI: No, we're going from February
25 28th to March 31st.

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27 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No. Existing regulation,
28 November -- Units 11 and 13, marten, mink and weasel are
29 all combined and then November 10th through March 31st.

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31 MS. DEWHURST: Let me look it up in the
32 book.

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34 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: But maybe that's a typo.

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36 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah, I'm thinking there's a
37 typo someplace, let me look it up in the book.

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39 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I'm wondering if that's
40 not supposed to be January 31st.

41
42 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah, I think so.

43
44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Because that's what I
45 remember.

46
47 MS. DEWHURST: That's -- let me look it up
48 to make sure. Yes, those are originally January 31st going
49 to February 28th.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right. So it currently
2 reads November 10th.....

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4 MS. DEWHURST: To January 31st.

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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE:to January 31st,
7 which is what I thought. So.....

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9 MS. DEWHURST: And there's a typo in the
10 summary.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE:what this would do
13 then -- so that's where CRNA saw that right here.

14
15 MS. DEWHURST: That's probably it, yeah.

16
17 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So what this would do,
18 basically is it adds 28 days to marten season and it adds
19 two months to mink and weasel.

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21 MS. DEWHURST: I didn't catch it.

22
23 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well, I happen to know
24 that weasel stays prime longer than any of them.

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26 MR. ELVSAAS: The way I read it, it doesn't
27 extend the weasel.

28
29 MS. SWAN: No.

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31 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well.....

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33 MR. ELVSAAS: Marten and weasel ends
34 February 28th.

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36 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right.

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38 MS. DEWHURST: Not in the existing.

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40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: In the existing one they
41 end January 31st.

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43 MR. ELVSAAS: Oh, okay, I got it. That's
44 right that was a typo.

45
46 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah.

47
48 MS. SWAN: Well, is just the -- March 31st
49 that should have been January 31, is the only typo, is that

50 what I'm copying?

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right.

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3 MS. DEWHURST: Right. That's the typo, is
4 where it says March 31 it should be January 31.

5

6 MS. SWAN: Okay.

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8 MS. DEWHURST: It's only in the summaries,
9 in the actual analysis discussion it's correct. It's in
10 all the summaries at the beginning.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Boy, it sure would have
13 been nice if they had just made the proposal that marten,
14 mink and weasel went November 10th to March 31st and that
15 would have.....

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17 MR. ELVSAAS: That could simply it.

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19 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That would have simplified
20 everything. In fact, maybe that's an amendment we should
21 add and then that would just take care of it, except for
22 the fact that marten is the one that we need to protect a
23 little bit.

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25 MR. ELVSAAS: Mr. Chairman.

26

27 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yes.

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29 MR. ELVSAAS: Does it need a month's
30 protection more than the others?

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32 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Marten goes bad -- by
33 March marten is springy, it's not a very valuable fur when
34 March comes along. When sunshine starts hitting it -- same
35 thing that happens to the mink and weasel, to me I would
36 put them all to February 28th and let it go at that. But
37 then we're not aligning it with State seasons and we're
38 adding another layer of confusion.

39

40 Currently what we have with Proposal Number 2, we
41 have marten and weasel November 10th through 28th, right?
42 And mink from November 10th through March 31st. That's
43 what Number 2 took us to, right?

44

45 MS. DEWHURST: No.

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47 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No. Don't tell me that.

48

49 MS. DEWHURST: Wait a minute. Here, that's

50 what I was just looking at. Everything -- marten, mink and

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1 weasel are all the same, they're all November 10th through
2 January 31st.

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4 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That's current.

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6 MS. DEWHURST: It's the existing.

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8 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That's current, but what I
9 mean with Number 2 we move marten to 28.....

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11 MS. DEWHURST: Oh, oh, oh, okay. February
12 28th.

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14 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: We move marten to 28, mink
15 and weasel in 13 we moved to February 28th.

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17 MS. DEWHURST: And then in Unit 11 it's
18 also February 28th for both.

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20 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah, and so, see -- under
21 Number 2 what we basically do is we go November 10th to
22 February 28th for those three species.

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24 MS. DEWHURST: For both units.

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26 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah.

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28 MS. DEWHURST: Across the board.

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30 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Across the board.

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32 MS. DEWHURST: That's why I was getting
33 confused you were saying different things.

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35 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. So that's what
36 we've already done.

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38 MS. SWAN: Okay. Mr. Chairman, would you
39 please repeat that?

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41 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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43 MS. SWAN: About Proposal Number 2 changed.

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45 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Proposal Number 2, what we
46 have done in Proposal Number 2, we have taken marten,
47 weasel and mink and giving them a season from November 10th
48 through February 28th. Currently they're November 10th
49 through January 31st. What this proposal would do would be

50 add -- put mink out all out by itself and add another month

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1 to mink.

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3 MS. SWAN: To March 31st?

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5 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: To March 31st.

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7 MS. SWAN: But that's what this proposal
8 would do?

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10 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That's what this proposal
11 would do. So if we take no action on this proposal or
12 don't make any recommendation on this proposal, our
13 original recommendations on Proposal 2 will extend it to
14 February 28th.

15

16 MS. SWAN: The mink.

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18 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Mink, weasel and marten.

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20 MR. ELVSAAS: All three.

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22 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: All three of them, there
23 will be no confusion then.

24

25 MS. SWAN: Okay.

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27 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And -- yeah. Okay. So we
28 have -- have we got the public testimony already on that
29 one? Yes, we did.

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31 Have we got a motion on the board?

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33 MS. EAKON: Yes. No.

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35 REPORTER: No.

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37 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: We need a motion on the
38 board to accept this proposal or we can let this proposal
39 basically die or we could -- yeah, we need a motion to
40 accept this proposal or make no motion on this proposal.

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42 MR. DEMENTI: No motion.

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I'd rather have a motion
45 and just give our justification that we already supported
46 Proposal Number 2, would be my preference. But hearing no
47 motion, going once, going twice, going three times. We'll
48 make no recommendation on this motion [sic].

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MS. EAKON: You could say, comma, because

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1 your previous action that was covered under your
2 recommendations on Proposal 2.

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4 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Comma, because we feel it
5 was cover under our action on Proposal Number 2.

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7 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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9 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. With that, we are
10 -- are we to proposals that we need to defer?

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12 MS. DEWHURST: Well, no, we have 58 and 59.

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14 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: 58 and 59, we have Eastern
15 Interior here, so we can take those.

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17 MS. SWAN: Pages?

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19 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: What page are they on? I
20 got it.

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22 MS. DEWHURST: 58 starts 175.

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24 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: 172.

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26 MS. DEWHURST: And I'll try to explain
27 these and George can chip in, if I miss something, because
28 this is really out of my region. This is no my normal
29 region and Eastern Interior gets even further from the
30 normal round, so I will try to explain these.

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32 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: These are Eastern Interior
33 proposals, right?

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35 MS. DEWHURST: Yes, these are overlap
36 proposals, so you're being asked if you want to comment on
37 their proposals basically.

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39 Both of these are dealing with Unit 12, primarily
40 with Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge. If you look on your
41 map it's just to the east of 13(C), it's that kind of
42 pinkish, purplier [sic] just to east of where it says 13(C)
43 on your table maps, just to kind of give you a reference.

44

45 They're also dealing with something we've already
46 talked about today and it's Nelchina caribou. Both
47 Nelchina caribou and then the other herd that's in that
48 area is the Mentasta herd, which is a small inter mountain
49 herd that has recently declined to a point where all

50 hunting is not allowed to try to minimize -- they're

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1 working on a cooperative plan. And the problem they run
2 into is during sometime in the winter often the two herds
3 intermingle over around Tetlin, so it presents all sorts of
4 harvest problems when they're trying to protect the
5 Mentasta herd, but they do allow some harvest of the
6 Nelchina herd.

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8 So the first proposal, 58, this one it's kind of
9 confusing when you look at it, but we're going from a
10 Federal registration permit with a season to be announced
11 to basically relinquishing that power of announcing sex of
12 the animal and the season to the Tetlin National Wildlife
13 Refuge Manager in consultation with Wrangell-St. Elias
14 National Park and Preserve and ADF&G biologists.

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16 So, basically, the -- what they're doing -- and the
17 reason -- the logic behind this is in the current situation
18 to open a hunt somebody has to initiate a Special Action
19 Request. And Special Action Requests, of course, have to
20 go through the Staff Committee and then the Federal Board,
21 generally take about a week. You know, if it's a rush job,
22 might be able to get it done in two or three days, but
23 inevitably the thing comes in on a Thursday or Friday and
24 then it hangs over the weekend and usually you're talking a
25 good week.

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27 And what they're saying in the case of the Nelchina
28 caribou traveling to Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge,
29 sometimes, I guess, they scoot through there pretty fast
30 and they want to have the ability to provide some
31 opportunity for the local subsistence users to take
32 Nelchina caribou. And this mechanism, by allowing the
33 Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge Manager to make an opening
34 in consultation with the park and the ADF&G would be a much
35 quicker scenario, he could basically consult with them and
36 say it's opened and make the public announcements and it
37 could be done in a day. So it would enable them to have a
38 much more flexible means to open the hunt when the
39 Nelchinas might be just scooting through the refuge in the
40 period of a very short period of time, and allow some
41 opportunity for the local user.

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43 It really isn't a biological thing, this is more a
44 procedural proposal, just a change in how the procedures
45 are done. Based on that, the office recommends supporting
46 it.

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48 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So if I understand right,
49 what this one does is shortcuts the process.....

MS. DEWHURST: Yeah.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: so that the decision
2 can be made onsite instead of.....

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4 MS. DEWHURST: Exactly.

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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: back in the main
7 office.

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9 MS. DEWHURST: But it's in consultation
10 with ADF&G, so that if the Nelchina kept declining and
11 harvest -- you know, all these harvest restrictions which
12 we've been talking about continue to play out, ADF&G could,
13 in their consultation, say we don't recommend a harvest.
14 They're going through and then the manager has to take that
15 into consideration. So if the population keeps going down
16 -- I guess what I'm saying is supporting this doesn't mean
17 that you're cutting your own throats or causing -- creating
18 something that's going to hurt your subsistence users
19 because everybody's in consultation with everybody. So
20 they're not going to open it over there if it's closed for
21 you guys. You know, everybody is working in harmony on
22 this and they will be working in concert with the folks in
23 Glennallen.

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25 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well, one question though,
26 when you're in consultation with somebody, you don't have
27 to take their counsel. I mean.....

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29 MR. SHERROD: There's a management plan.

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31 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: There is a management
32 plan.

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34 MR. SHERROD: And I forget exactly what the
35 mixing ratio is but when there's enough Nelchina animals to
36 ensure that the Mentastas -- you know, they're not going to
37 be hit, that's when they open it. And there is a
38 guideline, and that guideline is basically what the Board
39 uses now, it's just allowing.....

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41 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's allowing that
42 decision to be made onsite.

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44 MR. SHERROD: I think last year we had the
45 assistant refuge manager from Tetlin and he said by the
46 time they got it opened it was, like, functionally only a
47 day to hunt.

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49 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah.

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1 MR. SHERROD: And they were off, they were
2 out of there, north of the road already and.....

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4 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well, I just wondering
5 because it says, basically, that -- you know, later on it
6 say the Board would be relinquishing their -- oh, basically
7 relinquishing their authority to make a decision on it,
8 which I know they can always take back at some time in the
9 future also if there's a problem. I was just thinking if
10 this could work both ways, depending on who the current
11 manager was. I mean, you could have a manager that --
12 because when you're in consultation you don't have to go
13 with your counsel, and so you could end up, theoretically,
14 some day having a manager that says, you know, I don't want
15 any caribou taken here and I so I won't make -- you know,
16 I'll make the decision to keep it closed and despite the
17 advice I get from somebody else I have the authority to do
18 it because it doesn't go to the Board.

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20 MR. SHERROD: Well, functionally they could
21 do it now by simply not notifying the Board that it's time
22 to open it.

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24 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That's true too.

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26 MR. SHERROD: (Indiscernible - simultaneous
27 speech) generated by the refuge.

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29 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah.

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31 MS. DEWHURST: And Tetlin just got a new
32 refuge manger, Ed Merit, who I personally know, he would be
33 the type that would consult, he wouldn't be doing things on
34 his own.

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36 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah. I have a couple of
37 hands up. Ida.

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39 MS. HILDEBRAND: Ida Hildebrand, BIA Staff
40 Committee member. In regards to your concern,
41 Mr. Chairman, of a renegade refuge manager, the procedure
42 then would be for the Council to propose a Special Action
43 to the Board for the Board to take back their authority.
44 It's delegated authority, it's not permanent.

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46 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right. That's -- I kind
47 of thought that, but -- they would only last for one year.

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49 MS. HILDEBRAND: Right.

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1 MR. SHERROD: Or less.

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3 MS. SWAN: Or 90 days, which ever comes
4 first.

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6 MS. SHARP: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Devi
7 Sharp, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. I
8 think the intent of this proposal is to be more responsive
9 to the fast moving caribou and to the subsistence user.
10 And the intent is to benefit the subsistence user and to
11 make the bureaucracy as easy as possible. It's a lot like
12 an inseason fisheries action, it's one of the few that we
13 come up with in wildlife where we're doing an inseason
14 change.

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16 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's basically and EO
17 that's been put in place ahead of time.

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19 MS. SHARP: Yeah.

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21 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Now, let's go on --
22 that was the introduction, do you have any more, Donna, on
23 the introduction?

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25 MS. DEWHURST: No.

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27 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: In that case that I don't
28 miss my procedure, I'm going to go back and look at my
29 chart. We'll have the Alaska Fish and Game comments on
30 that one.

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32 MR. FALL: Nothing more.

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34 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Nothing. None at all.
35 Okay. And Eastern Interior.

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37 MR. GOOD: I was concerned about getting
38 that hunt opened this last fall and I was very much
39 concerned that there would be problems with doing so, and,
40 sure enough, there were problems with doing so. And I
41 think this is a very admirable approach to solving those
42 problems. This would actually serve the people of Unit 12
43 and Dot Lake -- well, let's just run through the list.
44 Tetlin, Tanana, Norway, Tok, Dot Lake, Healy Lake, Mentasta
45 Lake. We don't have large amounts of people here, but we
46 do have people that could use the meat, they really do need
47 the caribou meat, particularly since lately the Fortymile
48 has not been available to them and I've been very much
49 concerned about seeing, too, that they do have an

50 opportunity to harvest that meat. So, therefore, Eastern

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1 Interior did very strongly support this in Eastern
2 Interior, of course.

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4 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Nat, now correct me if I'm
5 wrong. These caribou then come out of the Nelchina herd?

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7 MR. GOOD: This is the Nelchina herd.

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9 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. What it is is it's
10 access to the Nelchina herd as it passes through Unit 12.

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12 MR. GOOD: Right. And moves up into 20(E).

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14 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right.

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16 MR. GOOD: So it actually spends this part
17 of the year in Eastern Interior.

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19 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Uh-huh. So the impact
20 that it would have on residents of 13 and 11 is the fact
21 that it has impact on the Nelchina herd? It's not hunting
22 opportunity for them or anything like that?

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24 MR. SHERROD: The passed (indiscernible)
25 C&T in 12, so they have an opportunity so they have an
26 opportunity to hunt these animals.

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28 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right. Okay.

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30 MR. GOOD: And at this point it is a very
31 important source of meat to them. Eventually I -- if you
32 were going to project ahead I think there would be a lot
33 less pressure on the herd as the Fortymile herd reaches its
34 numbers, I mean it's passing 35,000 right now and there
35 should be adequate access, hopefully, to that herd but, at
36 this point in time, we need to have it opened.

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38 We also are working -- we know that the refuge
39 manager and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game person
40 in Tok, who happens to be Craig Gardner, we know that they
41 will work very well together and if it is possible to open
42 a season they will, if it is not, they won't.

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Nat. Any Fish
45 and Game Advisory Committee comments?

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47 MS. EAKON: Comment of support from
48 Fortymile Fish and Game Advisory Committee and from
49 Wrangell-St. Elias Subsistence Resource Commission.

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1 End of comments.

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you. And any
4 written public comment?

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6 MS. EAKON: That was it.

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8 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That was it, okay. Public
9 testimony. Eleanor, have you got comments from CRNA on it?

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11 MS. DEMENTI: Thank you, Mr. Chair. CRNA
12 supports better management so that subsistence users will
13 have more opportunity to hunt caribou.

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15 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So CRNA supports this
16 proposal then, too.

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18 MS. DEMENTI: Supports.

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20 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. As this is an
21 overlap proposal, Helga, I'll ask you a point of order. We
22 basically can defer to the decision that Eastern Interior
23 has made, can't we?

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25 MS. EAKON: Yes, just as they did with
26 several of your proposals today.

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28 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: We could either defer to
29 their position or we could offer our support to it,
30 couldn't we?

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32 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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34 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. So wish of the
35 Council, a motion to support this proposal in conjunction
36 with Eastern Interior or a proposal to defer action on this
37 proposal to the wishes of Eastern Interior is in order. Or
38 a proposal to support this proposal that we can vote down
39 is in order, too.

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40 MS. SWAN: I shall make a motion to support
41 the proposal.

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43 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. It's been moved to
44 support.

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46 MR. ELVSAAS: Second.

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48 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's been moved to second.

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MR. ELVSAAS: Second.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's been seconded twice
2 now. So we have a proposal on the board that has been
3 passed, as written, by Eastern Interior, am I correct on
4 that?

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6 (No audible responses)

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8 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: We've heard the comments
9 and the need for quicker action on it. Any other
10 discussion on this proposal?

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12 (No audible responses)

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14 MR. DEMENTI: Question.

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16 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Question's been called.
17 All in favor of supporting this proposal signify by saying
18 aye.

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20 IN UNISON: Aye.

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22 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: All -- oops, my fault, I'm
23 sorry. All in fav -- did I say in favor or did I say
24 opposed?

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26 MR. VLASOFF: In favor.

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28 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: In favor, okay. All
29 opposed to this proposal signify by saying nay.

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31 (No opposing responses)

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33 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Motion carries
34 unanimously.

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36 And, lastly, we're going on to Proposal 29. And
37 I'm going to make a suggestion. We have a long meeting
38 tonight, there's work that has to be done here. I don't
39 know about the rest of you that traveled yesterday, I'm
40 running out of steam.

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42 MS. DEWHURST: This is an easy one, though,
43 you might want to.....

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45 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: We'll take 59, but I was
46 going to suggest that after we take Proposal 59, unless
47 somebody has something pressing to take up, that we would
48 recess for the day, because we have to be back for the
49 public hearing tonight and given everybody a chance to rest

50 up and get things in order. So you guys can think about

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1 that while we do this Proposal 59.

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3 Proposal 59, Donna, are you going to do this or
4 George?

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6 MS. DEWHURST: George will do it.

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8 MR. SHERROD: I'm going to deal with this,
9 I think I can make it short and sweet.

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11 Basically Proposal 59 changes the description of
12 the hunt area in Unit 12. We currently have two identified
13 areas in our regulations, both of which are closed to
14 caribou hunting and we have the remainder which is opened
15 on an announcement basis. When the animals get there, the
16 proposal you just dealt with announcing the hunt.

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18 The way the unit is describe we actually have two
19 remainders. We have the remainder which is the area,
20 basically the Tetlin Refuge where you can hunt and then in
21 the very bottom quarter, looking at you map, we have a
22 remainder down here, and this is where the Mentasta herd is
23 and this is where we don't want animals to be taken. The
24 new description functionally closes that area down to
25 protect the herd. It was always the intent to keep that
26 area closed, it just -- when the description of the hunt
27 areas got put into the language, regulatory language, that
28 little donut hole was left, there wasn't supposed to be two
29 remainders. What this proposal does is redefine the area
30 to meet the management objectives and to sort of clarify
31 the regulations.

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33 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. So if I understand
34 right, this west of Nebesna River within the drainages of
35 Jack Creek, Platinum Creek, Totshunda Creek left a hole.

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37 MR. SHERROD: Yeah, basically, that's this
38 area up here. This area down here to the west and south of
39 Nebesna.....

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41 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Was what was left out of
42 the.....

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44 MR. SHERROD:was left out of the
45 description, so functionally it became a remainder, and
46 this is a remainder up here, so you had two remainders.

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48 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So what this does now is
49 it takes all of what's in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park

50 west of the east bank of the Nebesna River and west of the

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1 eastside of the Nebesna Glacier.

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3 MR. SHERROD: Right.

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5 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: In other words, Wrangell
6 Park in that area is closed.

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8 MR. SHERROD: Right.

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10 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That's where the Mentasta
11 herd is?

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13 MR. SHERROD: Right.

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15 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay, I think I understand
16 that one. Sorry it took me so long.

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18 So Alaska Department of Fish and Game, do they have
19 any comments on this one right here?

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21 MR. FALL: Mr. Chair, thank you. I'll just
22 clarify that the Department is in support of this proposal
23 as giving added protection to the Mentasta herd. Thank
24 you.

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26 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. I think if you take
27 a look on page 185 the cross hatched stuff is now closed
28 and part of that had been opened before.

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30 MR. SHERROD: Right. Basically within the
31 little taking of caribou prohibited box, that was.....

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33 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That was a hole.

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35 MR. SHERROD:that was a hole, that
36 was lumped with the top as a remainder.

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38 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. So the area that's
39 right there where the Mentasta herd runs around is closed.
40 Okay.

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42 MR. SHERROD: And the State, they do not
43 have a season in there, it's closed.

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45 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: No. No. Okay. So, at
46 this point in time, we'll listen to Eastern Interior.

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48 MR. GOOD: Support.

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CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Support. You support that

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1 closure then?

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3 MR. GOOD: Yes.

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5 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Fish and Game

6 Advisory Committee comments, do we have any? Helga.

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8 MS. EAKON: None, but the only written

9 comment we got came from Wrangell-St. Elias Subsistence

10 Resource Commission and they support this proposal.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: They support this proposal

13 also.

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15 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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17 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. And that's the only

18 written comment?

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20 MS. EAKON: That's the only written

21 comment.

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23 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. A motion to support

24 Proposal 59 is in order.

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26 MR. DEMENTI: You got one more.

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28 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Huh? Oh, we have -- oops,

29 Eleanor, sorry, I did it again.

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31 MS. DEMENTI: Thank you, Mr. Chair. CRNA

32 supports this proposal due to declining Mentasta Caribou

33 Herd.

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35 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you. Now a motion

36 to accept Proposal 58 is in order.

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38 MS. SWAN: So moved.

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40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's been moved, do I hear

41 a second?

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43 MR. DEMENTI: Second.

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45 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's been moved and

46 seconded to support Proposal 59.

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48 Well, all of testimony we heard so far has been in

49 support of this proposal and in discussion does anybody

50 have anything that they would like to add to it or problems

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1 that they see with it?

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3 (No audible responses)

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5 MS. SWAN: Question.

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7 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Question's been called.
8 All in favor of Proposal 59 signify by saying aye.

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10 IN UNISON: Aye.

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12 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: All opposed like sign.

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14 (No opposing responses)

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16 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Motion carries, it's
17 unanimous.

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19 With that we've finished the proposals that we're
20 going to go through today. Tomorrow we have Proposal 12,
21 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 21. If there is nothing -- no
22 public testimony or anything from the audience that would
23 like to take place today or that can't wait until tomorrow.

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25 Helga, why don't we quickly do Tab U and give
26 people time to think on that and then we'll close since
27 it's 20 after 3:00.

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29 MS. EAKON: Mr. Chair, Tab U, information
30 material is just for your information. The application
31 period closed on February 11.

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33 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So the application period
34 is already closed.

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36 MS. EAKON: Yes. I just inserted it for
37 people who might want to know what our process is.

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39 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Then we will go on
40 to those other proposals and agency reports tomorrow.

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42 George.

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44 MR. SHERROD: Yes, I'm going to run, when
45 we break, to ADF&G and see if I can't pick up copies of the
46 Board proposals, there are 17 moose proposals that deal
47 with your area. The Board will start meeting in Fairbanks
48 on Friday and I'm going to be representing the Federal
49 program there, they are entertaining comments from the

50 Interior Councils regarding these proposals.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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3 MR. SHERROD: So I'm going to pick them up,
4 I'll have them back here and if you would like -- if have
5 the time tonight and just want to take a look at them.....

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7 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay.

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9 MR. SHERROD:and give me some
10 comments or take action on them, I will then take your
11 positions to the Board.

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13 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I was wondering, can we
14 legally consider them in an open meeting? I mean we can
15 take them up and just offer our opinion on them, can't we?

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17 MS. EAKON: Yes, you certainly can.

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19 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. So that might be
20 worthwhile -- you say you're going to run and get them.....

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22 MR. SHERROD: I'll run and go pick them up,
23 I didn't know if you had them or not, hopefully they'll be
24 some down there. If not, I'll get copies made.

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26 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And you'll have them here
27 tonight when we come?

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29 MR. SHERROD: Yes.

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31 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. Since there's going
32 to be another meeting here tonight, I think we need to pick
33 up our books and papers and not leave them on the table,
34 right?

35 MS. EAKON: Yes, because we're going to
36 rearrange the room.

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38 And, Mr. Chair, we six strong men to help
39 Mr. Elvsaas.

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41 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well, let's see there's
42 one, two, three, four, five, six.

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44 (Laughter)

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46 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: The meeting begins at
47 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning. Looking forward to seeing
48 everybody at the hearing tonight. And we will.....

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